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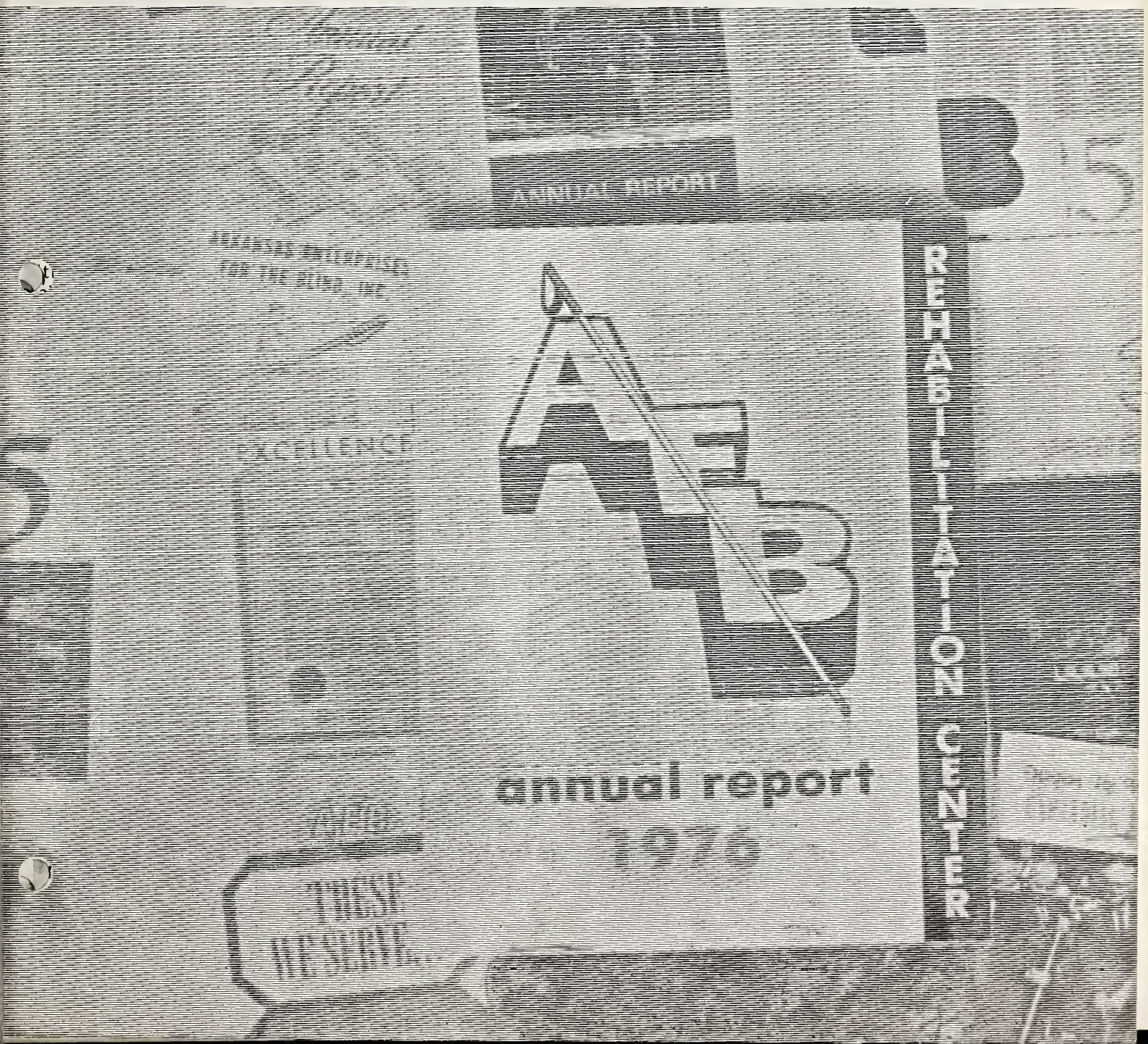


An Editorial

Now's Our Chance ...

In the wake of the just completed year-long Bicentennial celebration of the nation's 200th birthday, that with some early events actually was almost two years in length, interest in the entire string of events has all but evaporated. Because much of our collective focus has been on commemorating the U.S.'s past achievements, we may have overlooked an opportunity to use the Bicentennial as a spur to future achievement. Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is working right now to contribute to the future. We don't believe it's too late.

AEB is a Lions Club project that serves the blind and visually impaired of Arkansas, the United States and the World. It has provided personal adjustment, pre-vocational and vocational training for more than 3,900 persons from all 50 states and 26 other countries since its founding in 1947.

AEB was selected earlier this year as one of 200 projects in a program called Horizons On Display. Jointly sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, Horizons On Display honored continuing efforts of communities in each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico and Washington D.C., to solve pressing problems and meet recognized needs in areas such as housing and community development, transportation, health, education, the environment, economic growth, recreation, communications, and citizen involvement.

As the fanfare quickly dies away, the AEB Rehabilitation Center and the other projects continue to labor to improve the quality of community life, and that of the individual citizen. These 200 projects are often modest and relatively simple, yet both individually and collectively they make a difference.

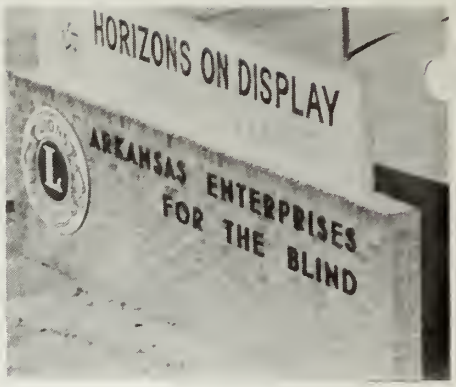
AEB's role hasn't changed, yet our programs and services have been introduced to a larger segment of the population because of the Horizons On Display. This might mean that anyone connected with AEB — staff, trainee or former trainee, Lions Club member or a board member — might be called on to discuss AEB with someone who has heard only a brief mention about our work.

Now's our chance . . . and we should be ready. Being ready involves knowing AEB ourselves and being prepared to share it with anyone who inquires.

Visitors are always welcome at AEB. Visits may be made during the regular business hours, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., or by special arrangement for evening or weekend visits by groups. Any visitor will be given a tour of the rehabilitation center and any questions will be answered. This is a good way to be prepared to discuss AEB.

The rehabilitation center's 1976 annual report is out and a great deal of other literature is available. A number of staff members are available for speaking engagements.

The Bicentennial and the Horizons On Display have provided an additional opportunity for us to speak out about AEB, if we take advantage of it.



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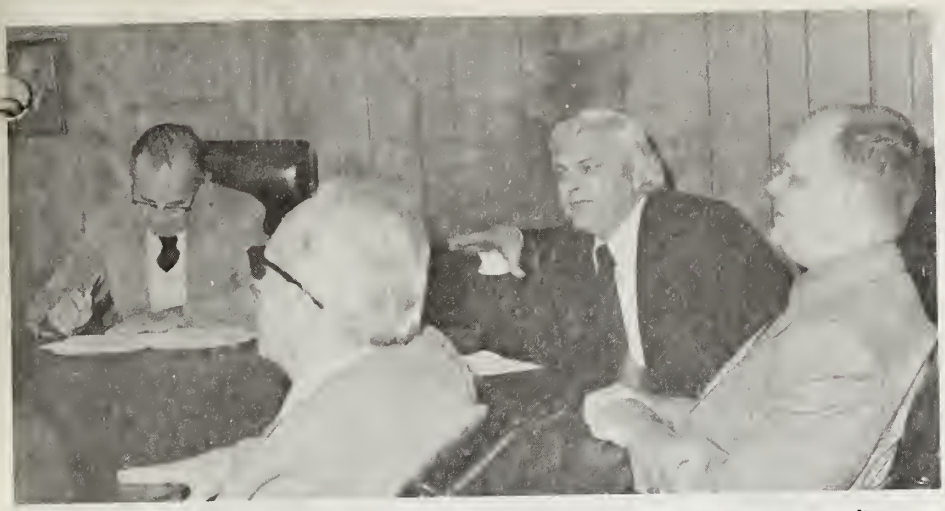

SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL — Duane Balentine [second from right], AEB's director of Rehabilitation, brings out a point during the SAC meeting at AEB. Others pictured are [from left] Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, La., the council's chairman; Otto Turner, AEB's coordinator of Adjustment Services; Balentine; and Ray D. Bogardus of Harrisburg, Pa.

Service Advisory Council Studies AEB's Programs And Services During28th Meet

The AEB Rehabilitation Center's Service Advisory Council urged the rehabilitation center to place additional emphasis on vocational training for the blind. The recommendation came during the council's annual meeting on December 7.

The council, composed of state directors, rehabilitation supervisors and counselors, and former AEB trainees representing the consumer, suggested opening more lines of communication with the state rehabilitation counselors so that the counselors fully understand the role of personal adjustment evaluation for a client prior to entering vocational training.

Meeting for the 28th time, the council studied, in addition to AEB's vocational training programs, the areas of research, personal adjustment training and in-service training.

Several members called for adding more vocational programs to those currently provided by AEB. Program additions asked for included computer sciences, para-legal aide, court reporter and more information expediter positions.

Discussion also centered on the programs available for the blind with other handicaps and the possibilities of expanding those programs. It was felt that more research was needed in this area.

Each state attending the meeting reported an increase in referrals for work with the older blind and the blind with other handicaps. The SAC suggested more research, especially to determine if the multiple handicapped should be incorporated into the regular training or if trainees should be grouped by ability.

Dr. Larry Dickerson, director, University of Arkansas' master degree program for work with the blind and AEB's research consultant, indicated that AEB's role might be to provide research and set procedures and guidelines for working with these individuals.

Chairman for the council was Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, administrator, Louisiana Blind Services Program. Mr. Broussard was also elected chairman for the 1977 meeting.

Others attending were Carl E. Williams, Wisconsin Bureau for the Blind; R. D. Bogardus, Pennsylvania Office for Visually Handicapped; Buddy Spivey of Little Rock, Blinded Veterans Association; Jerry Dunlap, Oklahoma Division of Visual Services; Arthur Leindeckerr, Missouri Rehabilitation of the Blind; Dr. Larry Baker, University of Missouri's department of Business Administration; Sammy Bowman of Little Rock, University of Arkansas graduate student; George Arnsow, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind; Louis Rives Jr., administration, Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dr. Russell Myers of Woodbury, Tenn., hospital administrator; and Mr. Broussard.

NAC Reports On First Ten Years

The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, the symbol of quality services for the blind, has completed its first 10 years.

Accreditation by NAC signifies that an agency or school meets national accepted standards for quality services to blind and visually impaired Americans, responsible management, and ethical fund raising.

AEB is a charter member of NAC and one of three members in Arkansas. The others in the state are the Arkansas School for the Blind and the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, is a member of the board of NAC and Louis Rives Jr., former AEB director of Research and Staff Development and currently administrator of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, is president of the organization. He was elected in 1975 when the national group held its annual meeting in Little Rock.

The agency's 10-year report shows 63 agencies across the U.S. as being accredited by NAC. The report indicates that over the past 12 months 18 agencies and schools have qualified for re-accreditation.

Rives, writing for the report, pointed out that agencies for the blind are becoming more aware of what the standards can mean to them and the people they serve.

Rives also observed that NAC's tie with the blind is becoming stronger because the practices and policies to foster the relationship have been built into NAC's basis structure.

To be accredited by NAC, an agency undergoes an extensive self-study that is followed by an on-site visit team. Admission to the nationally-accepted accrediting program then depends on how well the agency or school meets NAC's standards.

Same Faces, Only In New Places

Finally!

What seemed like enough time to construct and finish out three buildings of much larger proportion, AEB's new three-level, multi-purpose building was released by the builder in late December.

It was worth the wait — even if it was longer than originally intended.

Staff members who were assigned office space in the new facility started moving in after Christmas and were settled into their regular routine when the staff returned on January 3 for the first work day of the new year.

Actual first use of the new building was in October when Dr. Andrew Adams, commissioner, Rehabilitation Service Administration, visited AEB. A news conference for Dr. Adams was held in the library of the new facility.

Also during his visit, Dr. Adams, who is confined to a wheelchair, toured AEB and used the entrance ramp on Tyler Street. The construction committee of the Board of Directors has elected to place a plaque on the ramp indicating that the Commissioner was the first to use it.

All the new offices are now being used, however the snack bar equipment has not been installed, nor has the physical fitness equipment. This equipment is expected to be installed within the next month.

The independent living cottages and dormitory rooms on the top level are being used.

The new building has also been added to the tours for Lions and other visitors to the rehabilitation center.

Formal dedication ceremonies will be announced at a later date and will be announced by former International President Ed Barry.

INTERNATIONAL TEA — Mrs. Elizabeth W. Blass, [far left], a member of the Board of Directors of the International Services for the Blind, hosted a tea for the international trainees at AEB. Those attending were [left to right] Lucia Canizares of Colombia, S.A., Mudhukar V. Shirdhonkar of India, Martha Julieta Sanchez of Mexico, Kana Shimasaki of Japan, Veronica Ezejiofo of Nigeria, Africa, Jimmy Chi of Taiwan and Mrs. Margaret Klob, first vice-president of ISB and co-host of the tea.

ISB PRESIDENT — Jess Odom of Little Rock [center], president of ISB, attended the International Tea given by Mrs. Blass. While there he visited with Veronica Ezejiofo of Nigeria, Africa; and Lucia Canizares of Colombia, S.A.

Humboldt Lions Note AEB's Work With Local Blind

The Humboldt Lions Club of Humboldt, Tenn., took a special wa to report their activities to the community, and they devoted part of their message towards AEB's work with the blind.

For the fourth year the local newspaper, the Chronicle, has published the Lion's Tale, a special edition for the local Lions. This year's edition featured a report on the 21 Tennesseans who received rehabilitation training at AEB in 1976.

The front page story also described AEB's services and reported statistics on the vocational program. Also included in the story was the total number of trainees from Tennessee who have been served since 1947.

Two former trainees were spotlighted by name. They were Mrs. Pauline Jones, formerly of Humboldt, and Russell Douglas of nearby Jackson. Douglas, who is deaf and blind, has used his rehabilitation training to secure a job in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital, and Mrs. Jones uses her rehabilitation training to live independently.

The Humboldt Lions are part c Lions District 12-L. This district, as well as the others in Tennessee, are strong financial supporters of AEB. Annually their contributions exceed $12,000.

Blind Lawyers Soon To Have Reference Index

Blind lawyers and law students now have a reference index and it's named in honor of an Arkansan — Gerrit Smith Van Valkenburgh, a former Pine Bluff attorney.

The new index will be located in Tulsa and will be operated by the Tulsa Bar Auxiliary, a volunteer group that is seeking reference sources throughout the country for the file. The central index was made possible by Mrs. Thomas Witt Leach of Tulsa, granddaughter of Van Valkenburgh.

The entire project is in cooperation with the American Blind Lawyer Association.

ABLA officials point out that the index will not be a warehouse of material, but will inform the blind attorney or student where to find Braille or recorded information for case studies.

The individual will consult the Tulsa office for information on a particular subject and be directed to where he can find what he needs.

AEB Receives '77 'Progress With Industry' Supplement

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind received in early January the last scheduled supplement for its "Progress With Industry" grant from the Rehabilitation Service Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The final supplement of the grant, which runs through 1977, was for $100,000. The grant originated in 1973 to train Civil Service Information Specialist for the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

The project was expanded in 1975 to train blind individuals to fill a variety of information expediter jobs in private industry.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, points out that the success of the CSIS program demonstrated that the blind have the ability to perform expediter jobs. The CSIS program has trained 41 specialists since 1973.

Kumpe says the cooperation between the Little Rock and Washington offices of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and AEB has been responsible for this progress.

TYPING HELP — Dr. Modena Sullivan receives help from Lynnda Jones, coordinator of AEB's Older Blind program, on finding the home keys during a typing class. As much writing as Dr. Sullivan has planned, typing will be important.

Fort Smith Optometrist Pledges Blindness Won't Stop Activities

Editor's Note — Dr. Modena Sullivan's training at AEB has been interrupted for an indefinite period. Blindness failed to stop her but injuries suffered in an automobile accident have. This story was prepared for the December-January NEW LIFE, but not used. It is being run now because it may be inspirational to others.

It took blindness to get Dr. Modena Sullivan of Fort Smith on an escalator.

"Never did like those things," she claims, "but I rode one after losing my sight and you know — they aren't so bad!"

Blindness may be responsible for her using an escalator. It was responsible for her having to stop her optometric practice, a career she followed for more than 33 years. But Dr. Sullivan doesn't plan to allow her blindness to change very much more.

Projects that she has underway are varied and ambitious. She is writing a book — not a new experience for her — "Child Development In Vision." She is taking the material from her files.

At AEB she is learning the Optacon, Braille and mobility.

She maintains her other interests, including holding her position as helmsman aboard a boat on the Arkansas River. A member of the Felia Boat Club in Fort Smith, Dr. Sullivan, steers her boat and maintains it on course, just as she did before losing her sight.

Her loss of sight wasn't a gradual loss that could be prepared for in advance, she woke up one morning and was blind.

"Some friends and I were out for dinner on February 14, 1975," she recalls. "I began to notice a blurring of my vision. Before the evening was over I knew that I had lost the vision in one eye.

"When I awoke the next morning, I was blind."

Due to health reasons, Dr. Sullivan, the second female optomistrist in Arkansas when she began her practice, didn't begin rehabilitation training for more than a year and a half after losing her sight.

Dr. Sullivan believes a newly blind person should have guidances immediately. To emphasize her point she admits to purchasing two mobility canes the first week.

"AEB is such a wonderful place to learn new methods of living after going blind," she says. "I didn't know it existed, but I am going to make sure that others know about the rehabilitation center."

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Howard Doll of Riverside, Calif. (AEB '71), reports taking a refresher course in Federal Income Tax Preparation in order to be ready for this year's filing season. He's enrolled in dancing for a recreational activity and last June participated in an Exhibition Dance. He and his partner, one of his dancing instructors, were rated among the best in a category that included sighted people.

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Thanks to Kathy Lyons of Buffalo, New York (TSR '74), we have word of the marriage of Karlene Janet Haingray of Rochester, N.Y. (TSR '69), and Richard John Riorello of Elma, N.Y. (TSR '71). The new couple are both employed in the Buffalo Internal Revenue Service office. They were married September 25 in Orchard Park, N.Y.

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Julie Helck (CSIS '75) Reeser of Hyde Park, N.Y., and Rob (AEB '75) of St. Louis, Mo., celebrated their first wedding anniversary on January 3. They are now living in Joplin, Mo., where Rob plans to enter Missouri Southern State College this spring. He will study computer programming and management technology towards a degree in computer sciences. They report being active in their church and community and enjoying living in Joplin.

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Word has been received of the death of Marion Wogoman of Syracuse, Ind. (AEB '73). A visitor to AEB last summer, he had planned to return the week after Christmas for another visit. His son informed AEB staff members of his father's December 2 death.

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Penny Keim of Memphis (TSR '72) recently called and reported on her activities. She continues to work in the Memphis IRS office, but has spent much of the past two years in the hospital for surgery and treatment that resulted from a fall at work.

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Robert C. Fuller of Longview, Tx. (AEB '67), sent best wishes to his friends and staff members for the holiday season.

Sam (SBM '74) and Cathy Guillory Rossier (AEB '74) of Montpelier, Vt., were holiday visitors at AEB. They traveled through Little Rock after spending Christmas with Cathy's family in Lake Charles, La. Sam is operating a vending stand in a state building and Cathy is employed in the state personnel department. Sam is helping orient recent SBM graduate Cheryl Bloomfield to Vermont's vending stand program.

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Louise Braden of Chattanooga, Tenn. (AEB '69), sent her warmest wishes for the holidays. She reports that even with her family and church activities, she still misses AEB.

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Michele Boulter of Abilene, Tx. (College Prep '72), graduated from college (she didn't mention which school) in May and began work as a rehabilitation teacher last September in Abilene. She is working in the field with adults and covers 18 west Texas counties.

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Mrs. Elise Diesel, AEB's recreatior coordinator, spent her Christmas holidays in Hawaii and visited with two former trainees: Marjorie Yamamoto (CSIS '74) and Cynthia Hirakawa (TSR '73). She also visited the Hawaii State Commission for the Blind.

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AEB's first international trainee, Yong Bon Park of Seoul, Korea, wrote Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director. He reports he is operating two health spas in Seoul.

Former AEB Trainee Receives Scholarship

Former AEB trainee Vickie Jennings formerly of Aberdeen, South Dakota (AEB '74) has been awarded the Jerold Shipe Memorial Scholarship.

The $400 scholarship was established last fall by the Oak Forest Lions Club and will be awarded annually to a blind student attending the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Dewey Lantrip, club secretary, says the scholarship will be based on need, academic ability and leadership potential. It is given in honor of Jerold Shipe, a member of the Oak Forest Lions who died May, 1976.

National Publications Use Two AEB'ers Wor

Two AEB staff members have had recent articles they have written published in national magazines.

Nancy Jackson, instructor in the gas kitchen in personal management, wrote an article on Lewis Hoskins, AEB's instructor's aid, for the **Deaf Arkansan**, a publication of the Arkansas Association of the Deaf. It was published in the Fall, 1976, issue.

The feature was then picked up and used by the **Deaf American**, in its October, 1976, issue. The **Deaf American** is a national magazine for all the deaf.

Nancy's article featured an interview with Lewis with him describing his work at AEB with deaf and blind trainees, and a brief glimpse into his background.

The December, 1976, issue of **New Outlook for the Blind** carried an essay by Johnette Weiss, AEB's abacus instructor, in its Comment section.

Johnette used this forum to explain the abacus' role in the educational and vocational training at AEB. Sh described its use in the Taxpay Service Representative course and how it was being used in most vocational courses provided by AEB.

ISB Annual Report For 1976 Is Now Ready

The annual report for the International Services for the Blind has been out for less than a month. The report is designed to meet the demand for an informational booklet as well as a report on ISB's financial activities.

ISB is an affiliate of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Its purpose is to seek out and provide scholarships for regular and professional trainees from other countries.

This year there were 11 trainees from ten other countries at AEB. Most of this number was sponsored in part by ISB.

Primary fund raising method of ISB is the distributorship of Westinghouse light bulbs to Lions Clubs and other civic organizations for their fu raising effort.

Anyone desiring a copy of the ISB report should contact AEB. A copy will be mailed to you.

CHRISTMAS GREETING — Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey, of "Mrs. Mac" visits with Sam and Cathey Rossier of Monteplier, Vt. On the table are a few of the many Christmas cards and letters "Mac" received from former AEB trainees.

AEB Releases 1976 Annual Report

AEB's 1976 annual report has been released and shows another year of improved programs and services for the rehabilitation center that's sponsored by the Lions Clubs.

Decked out in red, white and blue (what else for the Bicentennial edition?), the latest of AEB's yearly reports contains 20 pages, making it the largest ever produced by the rehabilitation center.

The front cover of the 8 ½ x 11 magazine features AEB's new logo that was adopted during the year.

Featured are the usual items for an annual report: description and statistics of all the programs and services, photo's accompanying the reports, a President's report by Hoyte Pyle, president for 1975-76; Executive Director's report by Roy Kumpe, the balance sheet as prepared by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., and a list of directors and their home towns.

There were some new features added to this year's statement. One page was devoted to a month by month review of 1976's outstanding highlights. There was special emphasis placed on the Horizons On Display, AEB's role in the Bicentennial; and the ground breaking activities for the new building.

Another page featured an United States map that showed the number of trainees from each state who received training at AEB. The final page listed ways friends of AEB could assist the rehabilitation center. They included support of the sustaining membership, memorials and bequests.

Anyone desiring a copy of the annual report should contact AEB and one will be mailed to you.

By-Lions

The Bryant Lions Club, chartered December 13, with 39 members is Arkansas' newest Lions Club. Dr. Jim Fowler, past Lions International director, was the charter night speaker.

The Benton Lions are the sponsoring Lions, and Virgil Green is the Guiding Lion.

Wanting to get started as soon as possible, the club sold light bulbs and brooms prior to Charter Night. They got their good start with a $700 selling effort.

President is Derrell Davis, and Jim Davis, AEB's director of Community Relations, is secretary. The club meets the second and fourth Thursday at the Silver Fox.

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The Fort Smith Lions Club has reported two fund raising activities that netted the Lions almost $2,000 recently, according to their newsletter, the **Lions Lair**. The club earned $1,429 during their Christmas Auction, and $542 on the Spirit of '76 show.

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The Salem Lions (Fulton County) reported their expenditures for their sight conservation and work with the blind projects. During 1976 the club spent $1,943 on these efforts, with more than $1,100 being spent for local citizens. Other expenditures for local activities totaled $2,865.

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An auction conducted by the Clinton Lions raised $500 for the club's sight conservation programs. During the first 11 months of 1976, the club spent $660 on sight conservation work.

Former Trainees Remember 'Mac' With Cards & Letters

"Hell-o Dolly"
"Dearest Momma Mac"
"Dear Mrs. Mack"
Or just plain "Mac."

The greetings came in many different forms, but they were all intended for one person — Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey, AEB's senior dorm supervisor with the booming voice, pleasant greetings and a friend to everyone who passes through AEB. And that includes trainees, staff, board members and visitors.

This year Mac received Christmas cards or letters from more than 50 former AEB trainees. The cards came from a large number of states, plus Mexico and the Canal Zone.

Many were filled with short notes, some long letters, filling Mac in on the latest happenings. The tidbits of news included reports on health, new jobs, new situations and even bragging on a new baby or grandbaby. They all carried wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

But the main theme behind each one was love, admiration and appreciation.

Mac's acquaintance with such a large number of former trainees hasn't developed by accident. Her 11 years at AEB as a dorm supervisor has put her in touch with several thousand AEB'ers.

Why they remember her and correspond with her is indicative of the help, care and unselfish sacrifices Mac has made in doing her part to help so many make the adjustment from home to AEB.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Lioness Bea Garner by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, A. G. Stone, Charles A Gordon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley, O. W. "Pete" Long, Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dixon, The George Westbrook Family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dorstewitz, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sangolli, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert E. Henkel, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Small, Friends at Dixons Cafe, Mr. and Mr.s R. L. Rothwell, Ms. Sylvia G. Sullivan, National Bank of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richardson, Mrs. G. R. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbs, Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney, and Mr. and Mrs. Skip Jodoin

Charles Estes by Mrs. Ester Wade, Mrs. Virginia McWhorter, Mrs. Lavonne Little and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Fletcher Boles by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley

Foster H. Dyer by George E. Warner

John E. Langrell by A. G. Stone

George Reed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sumner

Mrs. R. O. Rainwater by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Dr. J. M. Fowler

Mrs. Wilmoth Jarry by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

Harry Cullen by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt

George Buzzard by Hot Springs Village Lions Club

Mrs. Frank A. Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. McHaney and Pine Bluff Downtown Lions Club

John D. Moody by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

E. A. Tuchschmidt by Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Guymon

Jack Dyer by Andrew H. Hulsey

Cal Carter by R. H. Shaddock

Mrs. Flora White Embury by Mr. and Mrs. Al Isenman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Selz and Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen

William "Dutch" Elsevier by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Ernest Glaze by Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Pappas, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browne, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Schell

Mrs. Thelma L. Meek by Oak Forest Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

Frank K. Haynes by Ben Rice

J. Turner Lloyd by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wood

Martin G. Kruse by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle

Mrs. Gretchen Quinlan by Mrs. Elizabeth Kraft and Family and Miss Laura Brantigan

Carl Price by H. Kenneth Reed

Lawson L. Delony by Mrs. Helen Duckworth

Kenneth Walton by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Casey Creelman by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Joe G. Preddy by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Douglass

Wm. O. Boyce by Mr. and Mrs. James Stallcup

Mrs. Helen Green by Lawson E. Glover and David M. Glover

Dr. Hoyt Choate by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirby

Vernon Morris by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson, Miss Lila Lampkin, Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen, Miss Mildred McCullock and Lion Tamers

Louise Warren by Mrs. Frances Schreiber and A. B. Warren

Helen Rhodes by Garland Rhodes

Primo Aureli by Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley

David Reibstein by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen

Mrs. Ludie Glover by Ben Rice

Fred Philpot by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price and Murfreesboro Lions Club

Mrs. Juliette G. Moulton by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hefner

William W. Fowler by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Cliff Calderwood, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Case, Talmadge Robertson, Hoyte R. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Witter, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Doland, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mapes, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gadberry, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie D. Mode, James Nolan, R. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Matson, Dr. O. J. Ratcliff, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler, J. D. Lewis, Mrs. Edwin L. Baxley, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Odom, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Freeze, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Friday, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smelley, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kidd, Jr., and Anthel Marlin and Family

Lawrence Pat Brazil by E. M. Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Schell

Mrs. Claude A. Hughes by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie C. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stewart

Mrs. Dorothy Morrison by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

John Heinemann by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Earl Kelley Mercer by Ben Rice

E. F. Tyson by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Troxell

Woodrow DeBerry vy Mr. and mrs. Bob Broach

Mrs. Hollis Croft by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Broach

Lester Waldron by Ms. Cathy Wright

William Thomas Hagerman by Robert Sakon

Newland L. Collins by Robert Sakon

J. B. Petty, Sr. by Robert Sakon

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of January 13, 1977)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	$ 56,809.67	$ 47,216.48
District I	14,915.91	11,669.45
District O	30,397.00	21,755.00
District N	18,092.17	12,673.89
District S	87,697.21	68,692.72
Other Pledges (out of state Lions, staff and other friends)	68,755.75	62,198.25
TOTAL	$276,667.71	$218,205.79

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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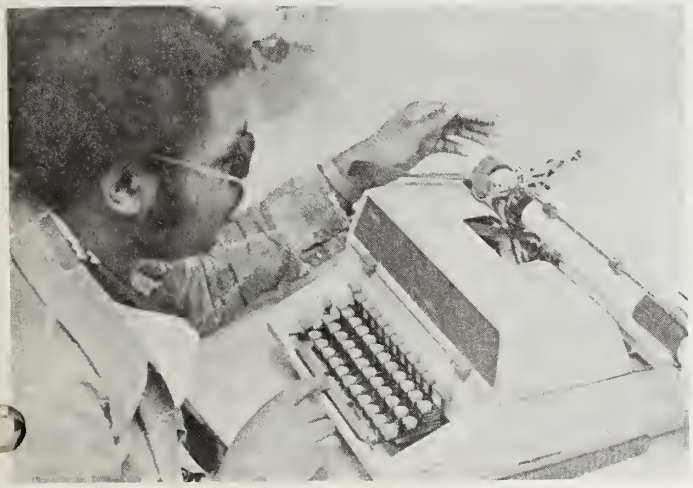

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YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

An Editorial

A Thirty-Year Tri-Partnership

On March 1, the AEB Rehabilitation Center and the Lions Clubs of Arkansas shared a milestone. It was the anniversary of a 30 year association. It also was AEB's 30th anniversary as a rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired.

Now anyone wanting to be technical could point to a longer association — and be correct. At AEB's founding, in 1939, the Lions were there. During those early years when AEB's mission was to provide jobs for the blind through the vending stand program, the Lions were there. Several Arkansas Lions Clubs funded vending stands in federal buildings to be operated by the blind.

This closer association developed when it became obvious that job opportunities alone would not be enough to meet the blind's needs. Personal adjustment, pre-vocational and vocational training in a comprehensive rehabilitation center would do the job.

First discussions by the Lions were held in 1945, but it wasn't until the 1946 Lions state convention at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs that the Little Rock Founders Lions Club took a resolution to the Lions to establish a rehabilitation center.

Approved by the state Lions to accept the AEB Rehabilitation Center as a state project, the Little Rock Founders Lions initiated a fund drive to raise $10,000 to lease a building.

The third member of this tri-partnership became more evident on March 1, 1947, when the first trainees entered the rehabilitation center. They were clients referred to AEB by their state vocational counselors. The third partner is the state (or states) agency that serves the blind. (In Arkansas it's the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.)

In the past 30 years, these tri-partners have been responsible for six modern, brick buildings. They are responsible for serving almost 3,900 persons from all 50 states and 26 other countries.

It has been a good tri-partnership.

That Blind School

"10-4 good buddy. This is the 'South Arkansas Wood Lizard' 10-10 and listening in."

"This is 'Long Jim Silver' doing it to it like Pruitt used to do it."

The CB rage has forced Americans to reach deep into their imagination to come up with a unique handle for the road. Its much more fun than giving your real name.

The rehabilitation center that's located at 2811 Fair Park in Little Rock, an Arkansas Lions Club state project, is officially named the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Inc. It can safely be called the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

However, some want to hang a handle on it. They are frequently heard referring to "that blind school," "the Lions' blind center," and even "that blind place."

How can we brag to others about the good job the AEB Rehabilitation Center is doing if we hang the wrong handle on it.

It could be costly $$$$$$$$.

A person's will could be intended for the AEB Rehabilitation Center, but listed incorrectly and some other agency might get the bequest. A prospective donor might want to support the rehabilitation center, but not know where "the Lions' blind school" is located. After all, it isn't listed that way in the telephone book.

When driving the Interstate and wanting to exceed the "double-nickel," then give your handle, but when discussing the AEB Rehabilitation Center, call it the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

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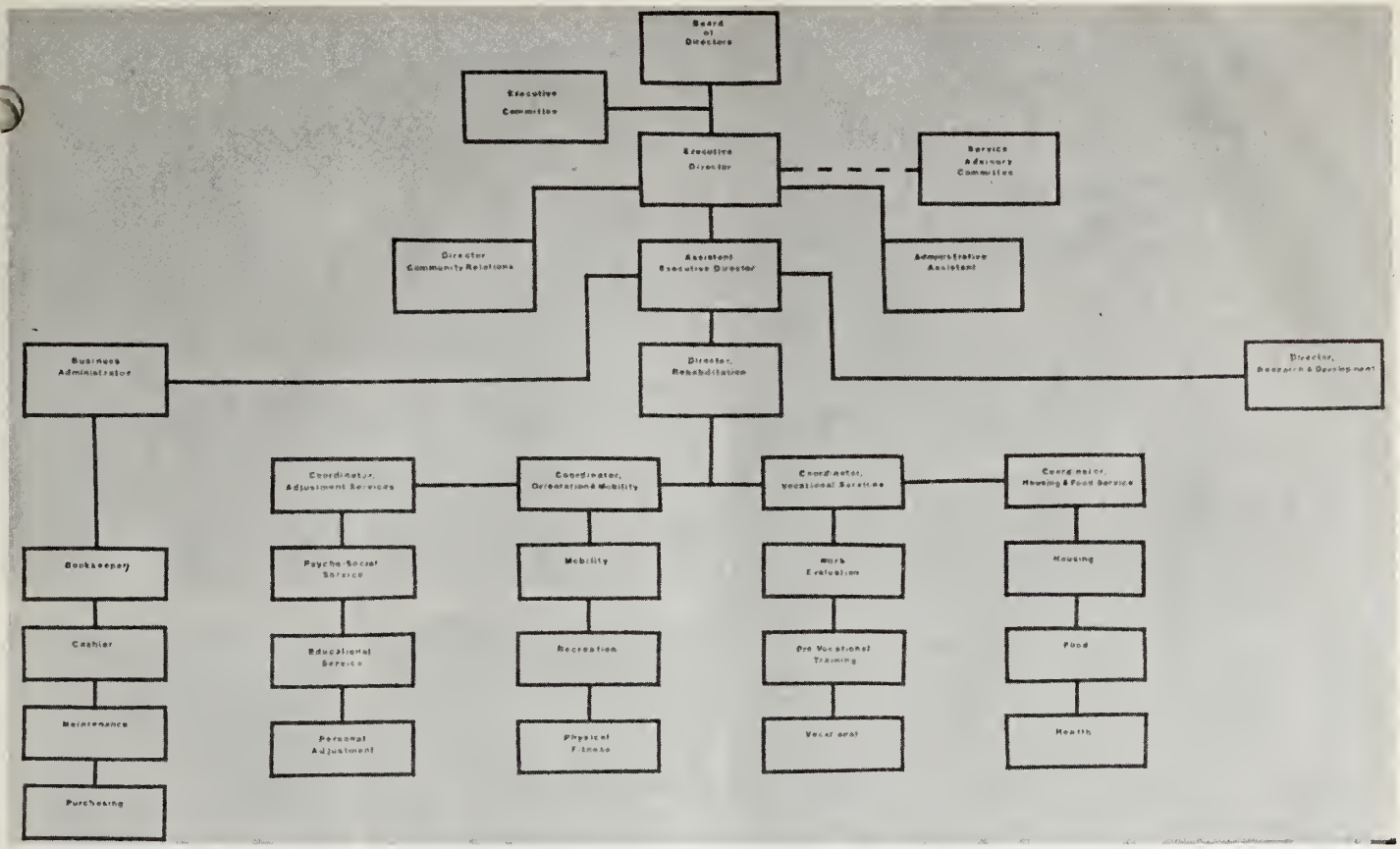


TABLE OF ORGANIZATION — Above is the new organizational table for the AEB Rehabilitation Center. It went into effect on January 1, 1977. The new structure was drafted and recommended by the personnel committee of the board of directors and was adopted by the board prior to January 1. Those filling the primary positions are Roy Kumpe, executive director; Jim Cordell, assistant executive director; Lila Lampkin, administrative assistant; Jim Davis, director, community relations; Duane Balentine, director, rehabilitation; Bob Shepard, business administrator; Dr. Larry Dickerson, director, research and development [consultant basis]; Otto Turner, coordinator, adjustment services; and Debbie Waller, coordinator, vocational services. Two positions not filled at this time are the coordinator, orientation and mobility; and coordinator, housing and food service.

Vermont Professionals Spend Two Weeks Studying AEB's Programs

They came for two weeks of information and orientation and a break from the ice, snow and cold of their native Vermont.

They were given two-weeks of comprehensive orientation to AEB and the programs and services it provides to the blind. But the rehabilitation center's landscape resembled what they had left in Vermont instead of the sunny South.

"Really," Steven Stone confessed, tongue in cheek, "I expected to return home with a tan."

Stone and Kermit Blaisdell, both of Montpelier, are rehabilitation counselors at the Vermont Divison of Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. Their two-week stay in Arkansas occurred the same time as Arkansas' worst winter storm.

They both agreed their visit to AEB would be very valuable to them in their work. "I'm more aware of the problems of the blind," Blaisdell said.

Both are fairly new to work with the blind. They have been with their agency seven months, but neither have worked with the blind previously.

"We spent five weeks at a center in Virginia, but there we were given more medical orientation than rehabilitation," Blaisdell reported.

While at AEB, the pair participated in all areas of instructions, counseling and vocational training.

It was the first trip to Arkansas for both. If they ever return, you can be sure it will be in July.

Fear Of Blindness

A special Gallup Poll, taken in 1976 and reported in January by **Parade Magazine**, reveals that blindness is the second most feared disease among Americans.

The study, taken from 1,548 persons across the nation, list cancer first, then blindness. Heart disease was third.

Those stating that they feared cancer more than any other disease totaled 58 percent, more than two and a half times greater than the percentage, 21, fearing blindness. Heart disease was named by 10 percent of those questioned.

It might be more indicative of how much Americans fear blindness when they place their fear of losing their sight in front of their fear of heart disease, the leading killer of all ages.

Arkansas Lions State Convention
Jonesboro, Arkansas
April 29, 30, May 1, 1977

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 29, 1977

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Registration
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Tournament
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Bowling Tournament
6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Tarnished Brass Banquet
8:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.	Early Bird Entertainment

Saturday, April 30, 1977

8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Registration Continues
9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	State Business Session
	Lions, Ladies & Leos
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Seminars
	Presidents
	Secretaries & Treasurers
	Club Tail Twisters
	General Membership
	Sight Conservation
	Lioness Clubs & Auxiliaries
	Leo Meeting
12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.	AEB Luncheon
2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Ladies Entertainment
2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	District Business Meetings
	Districts L, I, O, N & S
3:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Get-To-Gether for 1977-78
	DGE and Cabinet
3:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Free Time
6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Convention Banquet
8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	Game Room Open
9:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.	Convention Dance

Sunday, May 1, 1977

6:30 a.m.- 7:00 a.m.	Final Registration
7:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.	Key Members Breakfast
8:45 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.	Necrology Service
9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Final Business Session

Lions Only — $50.00 Door Prize — Winner must be present.

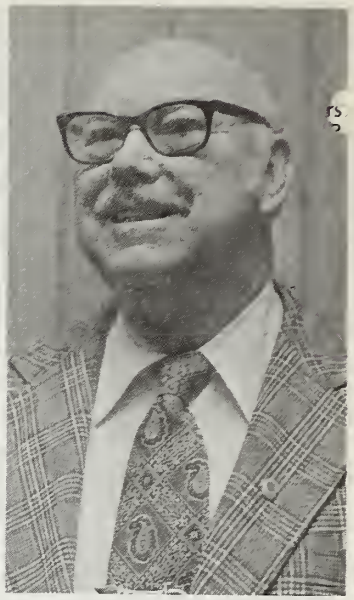
OFFICIAL CALL

In compliance with Article VIII, Section 1 through 14 of the State Constitution, I hereby issue the OFFICIAL CALL for the 1977 Convention for Multiple District 7 Arkansas; International Association of Lions Clubs, to be held at Jonesboro, Arkansas, on the 29th and 30th days of April and the 1st day of May, 1977.

We cordially invite and urge all Lions, Lionesses and Leos of Multiple District 7 Arkansas to make plans to attend this inspiring Convention of information, business, fun, food and fellowship.

I especially request that all Club Officers assure representation of each Club of this Multiple District by attending with a large delegation from their Club.

Jim Gunter
Chairman, Council of Governors
Multiple District 7



Top Row [from left]
John Sanders
District I

Earl M. Cherry
District N

Second Row [from left]
Deane Moore
District O

Billy Crutchfield
District L

Third Row
Jerry Markham
District S

Dr. James M. Fowler

Fowler Endorsed For 3rd VP During Arkansas Lions' Mid-Winter Meet

Host for the 1977 Mid-Winter Conference were the Hope Lions Clubs, but it seemed the entire city pitched in to welcome the 500-plus Arkansas Lions and Lionesses.

Even the local radio station, KXAR, did its share. This included following an invitation for the Lions to enjoy Hope and stay awhile with an advertisement from the Herndon Funeral Home.

While it's not known if the advertisement had any takers, it's a safe bet that the Lions, and their international guests, Lions International 3rd Vice-president Lloyd Morgan and Mrs. Morgan from New Zealand, did enjoy their two-day stay.

During the first session of the state business meeting the Arkansas Lions nominated Dr. Jim Fowler, past AEB president and past director, Lions International; for the international body's 3rd Vice-president position. The Red River Vo-Tech hall was filled when Lawson Glover of Malvern, District Governor 7-L, read the resolution nominating Fowler.

The nomination set off a spontaneous demonstration by the Little Rock Founders Club, authors of the resolution Glover read.

The remainder of the afternoon was filled with reports on Lions activities, including a report on AEB by Gene Browne of Jonesboro, president of AEB. Other reports included announcing the 1977 State Convention in Jonesboro on April 29, 30 and May 1.

Lloyd Morgan addressed the Arkansas Lions during the Conference Banquet Saturday night in the Third District Coliseum at the Hope Fair Grounds.

Meet the New DG's

Billy Crutchfield

The new District Governor for L is Billy Crutchfield of Hot Springs. A Lion for 10 years, Billy is a past president of Hot Springs Oaklawn and is currently president of Hot Springs Mid-America. He has been a Zone Chairman, 72-73, and Deputy District Governor, 73-74.

Lion Billy is a senior vice-president and cashier at the First National Bank of Hot Springs. He has lived in Hot Springs for 11 years, but originally is from Waldron. He is married and has two children.

John Sanders

The new District Governor for I is John Sanders of Harrison. A Lion for three years, John is secretary of the Harrison (Noon) Lions. He has been a Deputy District Governor, 75-76, and is currently I's Extension Chairman.

Lion John is in real estate in the Harrison area. A resident of Harrison for six years, he is originally from New Mexico. He is married and has two children.

Deane Moore

The new District Governor for O is Deane Moore of Cherokee Village. A Lion for 35 years, Deane is a past President of the North Kansas City, Mo, Lions, a past District Governor for Missouri, 59-60, and was Lions state secretary in Kansas, Arizona and New Mexico, and Iowa.

Lion Deane retired in 1963 and moved to Cherokee Village from Iowa three years ago. He is married.

Earl M. Cherry

The new District Governor for N is Earl M. Cherry of Cabot. A Lion for 27 years, 25 of those years in the Cabot club, he has served as President of the Cabot Lions, Zone Chairman twice, and Deputy District Governor.

Lion Earl is a native Arkansan and is a retired cattle farmer and merchant.

Jerry Markham

The new District Governor for S is Jerry Markham of Little Rock. A member of the Little Rock Founders Club since 1964, he was the club's President, 72-73, and has served the sub district as Leo Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Zone Chairman.

Lion Jerry is division manager of Collection Service, Inc., in Little Rock. He has been an Arkansas resident since 1962 and is originally from Tennessee. He is married and has two children.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest
About Former Trainees

Margaret South of Greenville, S.C. (AEB '73) is working at the Greenville Contact Service rolling dye filters in treated paper. She produces 800 to 900 filters per day.

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AEB recently heard from Sandi Edwards of Little Rock (College Prep '72 and Optacon '76) through the **Daily Courier-Democrat**, the Russellville, Ark., newspaper. Sandi is finishing her studies at Arkansas Tech and will earn a double degree in education — elementary and music. The news story concerned her practice teaching in the Russellville school system.

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Debbie Haley Elvington of Auburn, Ala. (College Prep '70), received her M.A. in sociology from West Georgia College in 1976. She has been working as an intern counselor at the Yarbrough Rehabilitation Center and the Georgia Rehabilitation Center.

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Terry Lee Tingle of Baltimore (AEB '71) has three single releases out and hopes to be signed by a major recording label by June. Terry has appeared on stage with Brenda Lee and Stonewall Jackson, appeared with Grand Ole Opry artists in several Nashville Clubs, and is now appearing regularly in the Baltimore area. Her current single is "Papa's Sugar."

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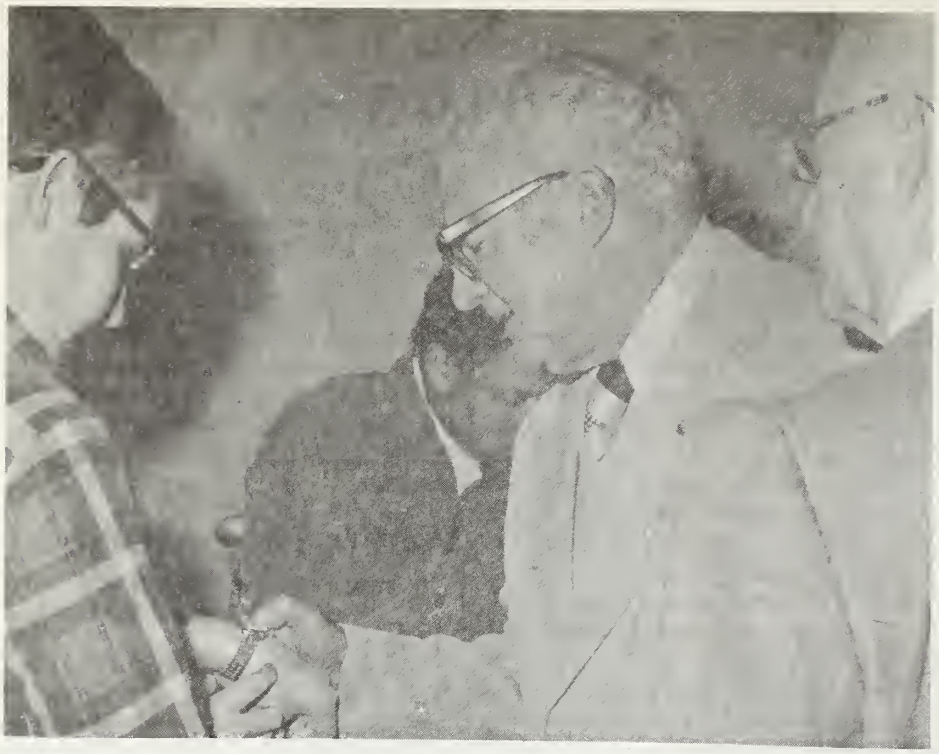
Ella Mae Williams of Little Rock (AEB '75) is now employed with the Arkansas State Hospital Food Service division, according to her counselor, Jean Smith of Little Rock.



BRAILLE WATCH — Lloyd Morgan of Lower Hutt, New Zealand, Lions International's 3rd Vice-president, feels the dial of a Braille watch during his tour of the AEB Rehabilitation Center. The watch owner is Ciro Albano, a member of the University of Arkansas graduate program for rehabilitation teachers. Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, looks on.

By-Lions

Thanks, **Lions Roar**, the weekly bulletin of the Morrilton Lions, for your plug on the International Services for the Blind program.

Editors of the **Roar** are Dr. Wayne Biggs, past District Governor; Robert Oswald and B. P. Greene. They highlighted the ISB in their January 31 bulletin.

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Herman West, past Lions International Director and past AEB president, put the roles of two Lions-supported projects into proper perspective in a recent edition of the **By-Lions**, the weekly bulletin of the Searcy Lions that he edits.

Following a visit to the Searcy club by Vince Syracuse, field representative for Leader Dogs of Michigan, West separated the two organizations' missions by pointing out that while Leader Dog provides a dog-guide for travel, AEB provides a comprehensive rehabilitation program.

West writes, "At AEB we not only teach independent travel with the white cane, but we teach social skills such as playing checkers, cards, dominoes, dancing, bowling, etc. Also, we get into personal grooming, cooking (both men and women), sewing and communication skills.

"We teach them how to count and keep track of their money. After all the rehabilitation at AEB we find a very small percentage of persons who, psychologically, must have a dog for travel. However, the dog can only help on travel and not all the other things which are needed if the blind person is to take his place in the world and compete with the sighted.

"We who support AEB, have been accused of being anti-dog. This is not true. Where the need is for a dog we want them to have a dog."

West also called for the Lions of Arkansas to be more diligent in looking for those who are blind in our communities. "We must inform them about AEB." He placed the responsibility of helping the blind on the shoulders of the Lions Club members.

With the Lions' history of serving as "Knights of the Blind," West is putting the responsibility in the right place.

Morgan Visits AEB While In Arkansas

Lions International's 3rd Vice-president, Lloyd Morgan, followed his attendance at the Mid-Winter Conference in Hope with a full-day visit to the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Morgan accompanied him on his tour of the facility. Their visit was hosted by Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, and Mrs. Kumpe.

Lion Morgan was given a tour of AEB that included every area, including a full tour of AEB's new building. The New Zealand visitor talked with many of AEB's trainee population.

Those he missed on the tour he reached during the general assembly held at AEB each Monday. Lion Morgan took this opportunity to discuss his homeland with the trainees.

Prior to leaving the rehabilitation center, he and Mrs. Morgan were shown AEB's film, "Happiness Is State Of Mind."

Former Trainee And Staff Member Dies

Mrs. Dorothy Sutton, a former AEB trainee and for 13 years AEB's switchboard operator and receptionist, died February 11.

Mrs. Sutton entered training at AEB in February, 1961. She joined AEB's staff in February, 1963. In addition to her regular duties, she also worked with trainees from several vocational courses helping them learn the use of the switchboard.

The family requested memorials be made to the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Kumpe Is Listed In 1976-77 Who's Who

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, has been listed in the 15th edition of the Marquis Who's Who in the South and Southwest for 1976-1977.

Inclusion in the publication is "limited to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their own fields of endeavor and who have, thereby, contributed significantly to the betterment of contemporary society."

The Marquis Who's Who was established in 1898.

AEB Opens 28th TSR Class With 11 Prospective IRS Employees Abroad

The AEB Rehabilitation Center's 28th Taxpayer Service Representative class opened in early February with 11 prospective Internal Revenue Service employees enrolled.

Representing 10 states, two members are from Texas, the new class is scheduled to finish the five-month course in early July. To date, 170 blind individuals have completed the program since the first class in 1967.

For the first time since 1969, Dan Dull will not be involved in the class. The long-time instructor who taught almost all of those who have successfully completed the training, retired in November, 1976.

Art Goodwin, who has been instructing on a part-time basis, and Mrs. Margaret Hooper, a recent IRS retiree, will instruct the new class.

Members of the class are Diane Askew of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Thomas J. Bilton of St. George, S. Car.; Russell E. Cygan of Madison, Wis.; Robert M. Devlin of Austin, Tex.; John Hancock of Ruston, La.; Charles Johnson of Birmingham, Ala.; Macon Pearson of Charlotte, N. Car.; George W. Riley of Elyria, Ohio; Raymond Sausville, of Austin, Mass.; Jeffrey Shaffer of Plymouth, Ind.; and Marion Cunningham of Denton, Tex.

Trouble Hanging Your Pot Lid? AEB's Patent Could Be The Answer

The problem of what to do with the pot cover when hanging the pot or pan in your kitchen has been solved.

And the AEB Rehabilitation Center holds the patent, thanks to Mrs. Ruth Schlachter of Hot Springs Village, for this new device.

Mrs. Schlachter found that many kitchens lacked space to store pots and pans. Hanging them under the cabinet or along the wall was a good solution, but there was still the question of what to do with the lid.

Applying her "Yankee ingenuity" — that's no reflection on her original hometown, Downer Grove, Ill. — Mrs. Schlachter designed a hook that allows the lid cover to be hung with the pot. She completed her work on it in February, 1972, and began the long process of securing a patent in August, 1972.

Almost three years later the patent was issued for the "Pot Cover Holder, Hook," the item's official name.

The patent was presented AEB by Mrs. Schlachter and her husband, Louis, a member of the Hot Springs Village Lions, so that any profit from marketing the item would go to AEB. The rehabilitation center was chosen because Mrs. Schlachter's mother and grandmother were both blind.

WHERE DOES IT FIT? — Mr. Ruth Schlachter explains to [left to right] Duane Balentine and Earnest Gephardt how her invention holds the lid of a pot or pan.

Lynnda Jones

Meet The Staff

Lynnda Jones has been the coordinator of AEB's Older Blind Program since April, 1975.

Prior to joining the staff she worked with the Arkansas Association for Retarded Citizens, and served as consultant to the University of Texas Consortium on Adult Education.

Her teaching career includes Philander Smith College, Little Rock; Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia; University of Arkansas, Little Rock; Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Lynnda is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Arkansas Council for the Blind and is a member of the American Bar Association, Student Division. She was a member of the Governor's Committee on the Status of Women in 1974.

She received her BA in Sociology and Psychology at Ouachita Baptist University, 1967; MA, Sociology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1971; and is currently enrolled at the University of Arkansas Law School in Little Rock.

Lynnda is married and her hobbies include raising horses and water skiing.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Charles C. Pittman by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ferranti
Mrs. Brunie Tipton by Lion Tamers
Parker Parker by Russellville Noon Lions Club
Tommy Carson by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt
Van Reep by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt
Fred Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Stanely Cox
Eugene E. Brown, Jr. by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Rodney Eichmann by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Tom Huckaby by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Ron Lippert by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Marvin Milan by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Earl Meyers by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
David Olson by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Jackie Pisarcik by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Cynthia Stultz by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Howard Cohoon by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong
Mrs. J. L. Droke by Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Friday
Jack Galloway by Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Friday
W. F. Asbell by T. G. Ferrell
Henry H. Hart by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley
Mrs. Savage by Col. and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre
Charles Liegs by Col. and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre
Melford Daniel by Camden Lions Club
Gene White by DeQueen Lions Club
J. D. Rush, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Perry Ausbrook, Sr. by T. L. Gray.
J. D. Maynard by R. M. King
Bertha Gulmon by W. J. Lowe
Harris Hogue by Myron Conley
Mrs. Martha Hall Rye by Robert Sakon
Mrs. Lena Whitehead by Lawson E. Glover and Mac Glover
Frank Burns by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman
Mrs. Sam Talley by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Birtie Powell by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Marion Wogoman by Mrs. Jeannine Gregory and Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey
Dr. Bill H. Owen by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Kimbrell and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Higgs
Milton B. Young by R. D. Adams Bible Class
Edwin R. Hanna, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Elston R. Johnston by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway
Charles T. Meyer, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson
Mrs. J. O. Lonadier by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Nunez
Mrs. Ed Jones by Lonoke Lions Club
B. T. Jackson by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Don Leveck by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rogers II and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Mary McLeod by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Alvin Wuellner by Cherokee Village Indians Lions Club
Vivian Jackson by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Snyder
Jimmie C. Clark by Don F. Goots
W. E. Trainer, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hegglund
Mrs. Madelene Oliver by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Fred Shaw by Pine Bluff Downtown Lions Club
D. A. Blackwood by Pine Bluff Downtown Lions Club
Roland Reed by Pine Bluff Downtown Lions Club
Raymond Pennington by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt
Mrs. C. A. Hughes by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Priddy
Gary Bradshaw by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Ab Wilson by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
Fredean Long by A. G. Stone
J. W. Poindexter by A. G. Stone
Mrs. Flonnye Johnston by Mr. and Mrs. Butler Jones and Dr. J. M. Fowler
L. M. Smithey by Mr. and Mrs. H. Dudley Shollmier
Mrs. Fannie Williams by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Witter
Mrs. Bessie Wilkes by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Ethel Leigh by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
Mrs. Dreesvilla Leggett by Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers
Mrs. Amy Stewart by Miss Lila Lampkin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Mattie Thomasson McKinstry by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
C. H. Travis, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
Lyle Smithey by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shollmier
Walter L. Parker by Springdale Lions Club
George Fisher by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen
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N. T. Pyles by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. David Parker and Jerry Sparks
General John Howe by Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey
Jim Tom Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beard
Mrs. Jack G. Parsons by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reap
Mrs. Hassell Prestidge by Kensett Lions Club and W. H. Chapman
Walter L. Goodrum by Kirby Church of Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Dunlap, Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Ludden, Gail E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Earl King, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Balkely, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mrs. Henry Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. Clell McClure and Mr. and Mrs. Harless Reese
Edward L. Wright by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Dr. J. M. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Grover Smart by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Snyder
Jess Feazell by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Snyder
Mrs. Mamie Greenlee by Springdale Lions Club
Eston Williams, Sr. by Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Ludden and Mr. and Mrs. Wilton A. Treadway

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of February 14, 1977)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
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District I	15,015.91	11,869.25
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Dr. J. M. Fowler Building Dedicated

An Editorial

After The Waiting...

"Good things are worth waiting for . . ."

That may be true, but proverbs such as this one don't do one thing to make the waiting any easier, nor any shorter. If it does anything, it just reminds us how long we've waited — and that we still have some waiting to do.

For the AEB Rehabilitation Center the waiting is over. At least for Phase One of the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign.

The dedication of the $722,000 building on April 3 officially puts an end to the anticipation. That's when Governor David Pryor pronounced the waiting over by dedicating the structure to the rehabilitation of the blind. But it wasn't over until Lieutenant Governor Joe Purcell, an AEB board member, pronounced it over by dedicating the structure to the rehabilitation of the blind and visually impaired.

It was only fitting that Lt. Gov. Purcell set aside the building for rehabilitation services, state government has played several roles in its construction. The 1970 General Assembly appropriated $250,000 for the Expansion Campaign by passing Act 172 of 1975. Governor David Pryor signed that bill in March, 1975, then came to AEB on September 11, 1975, to break ground for the new building. Being a member of the Benton Lions, and an active one, as well as a board member, the Lieutenant Governor's role transverses several areas.

Now that the building is officially a rehabilitation facility, what do we have?

Located on the lower level is the orientation and mobility offices. No training takes place here because the use of the white cane and techniques of orientation take place outside, downtown and other places.

Adjacent to these offices is the snack bar area. Here will soon be installed a modern snack bar that will offer ideal training for the Business Enterprise program. The Small Business Management classes are held nearby on this floor.

Taking up the remaining space on this level is the physical fitness room and sauna bath. This is AEB's mini-spa that prepares the trainees for rehabilitation training.

On the first floor, the largest area is allotted to the library. For the first time in several years, AEB has the space to store all of its books and periodicals in the same area. Also available are three listening booths. Something else that's new is a librarian to oversee the library.

Sharing the first floor with the library is AEB's psycho-social counseling staff. There are nine offices, a secretaries' pool and an observation room. Dr. Payton Kolb, AEB's consulting psychiatrist, uses one room, and the initial use of the observation room has been for the Apollo Laser, a visual aid for the visually impaired.

On the second floor is the housing area. Two are independent living apartments. Four trainees can share each apartment, experiencing the trials and responsibilities that come with independent living. Making a home in one of these apartments requires cooking, housekeeping, meal planning and cooperation.

There are two bedrooms that will house two trainees each, and a single bedroom for one person.

Considering all the services that will be provided by this building, maybe "good things are worth waiting for!"

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Purcell Dedicates Fowler Building

The AEB Rehabilitation Center formally dedicated the Dr. J. M. Fowler Building on April 3 with AEB Board Member Joe Purcell, Lieutenant Governor, delivering the dedication address.

The dedication ceremonies followed by 18 months the ground breaking exercises that opened construction. Those helping Lt. Gov. Purcell set aside the new structure for the rehabilitation training of the blind included Gene Browne of Jonesboro, president of AEB; and Dr. James M. Fowler of Little Rock, past president of AEB and past director of Lions International, and chairman of the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign.

Others on the program were Edward G. Barry of Little Rock, past president of AEB and Lions International; Louis I Rives, Jr. of Little Rock, administrator, state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dr. D. C. MacFarland of Washington, director, Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and Edward Rose of Washington, vice-president, President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Entertainment was provided by Cindy Riedl of New Orleans, former trainee and former staff member.

Following the address by Lt. Gov. Purcell, tours of the new facility were conducted and refreshments were served in the new solarium.

DIALING FOR DOLLARS — Roy Kumpe [center], AEB executive director, helps Beth Ward [left] and Tom Bonner [right] dial for dollars while the two Little Rock TV hosts find out about AEB's 30th anniversary activities. Kumpe opened the anniversary observance as a guest on the March 1 show.

Thirty Years Of Rehabilitation Work Observed By AEB In March

The 30th anniversary of AEB as a Lions Club-sponsored rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired ended April 3 on a promising note for the future — the dedication of the new building.

Between its March 1 beginning and its April 3 closing, the 30 year observance brought several hundred visitors to AEB, many for the first time, dedicated the new building and reached even more thousands through news media coverage.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, opened the celebration with an appearance on KARK-TV's Dialing for Dollars noon talk show. He was interviewed by Tom Bonner and Beth Ward.

The Stuttgart Lions Club, joined by members of several Pulaski County Lions Clubs, toured the rehabilitation center on March 1. Entertainment was provided by Rick Crider of Tulsa, Okla., and the Lions and Lionesses heard Joe Don Bekis of Shiprock, New Mexico, discuss his training at AEB.

Other Lions Clubs and Lionesses that visited AEB during March were Highland, Carlisle, White Hall, Little Rock Park Plaza, Little Rock Founders and the Russellville Evening.

Luncheon guests on March 8 were more than 40 members of the Arkansas General Assembly. They walked through the new building while at the rehabilitation center.

Kumpe also taped a 30-minute television show for KFSM-TV in Fort Smith. This show, hosted by John Candler, will be telecast later this month.

Last event for the month-long observance was the dedication of the new facility. Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell gave the dedication address.

New Building Named For Fowler

It now has a name — Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler Building. No doubt it will be referred to as the Fowler Building.

Action by AEB's board of directors, following the recommendation of the construction committee, on March 23 made it official.

Dr. Fowler, well known to AEB friends and supporters for many years, headed the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign that raised the funds for the new construction. He recently accepted the challenge of completing the campaign, in spite of his recent nomination for Lions International's 3rd Vice-President, a time consuming endeavor.

He is past president of AEB and has served as an International Director of Lions International.

Arkansas Lions Heading For '77 State Convention In Jonesboro

Arkansas Lions Clubs members will begin making their way to Jonesboro on April 29 for the Multiple District 7 State Convention. Primary location for the meeting, which ends May 1, will be the Carl Reng Center on the campus of Arkansas State University.

Hosting this year's state meeting are the Jonesboro, Jonesboro-Nettleton, Jonesboro Westside and the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Clubs.

Main activities for the three-day gathering include the state business session, seminars for club officers, the AEB Rehabilitation Center's annual membership luncheon, sub-district meetings, a convention banquet and dance, and a necrology service.

Banquet speaker for the convention will be Ralph A. Lyman of St. Johns, Mich., second vice-president of Lions International.

Early bird arrivals on Friday will have a choice of three sport related activities for entertainment. There will be golf and tennis available at the Jonesboro Country Club, and bowling at the Carl Reng Center. Entertainment for all "early birds" is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday.

Past District Governors will hold their annual Tarnished Brass banquet Friday evening.

This year's state convention will not elect new District Governors. This annual event has been moved to the Mid-Winter Conference and the election was held at Hope in January. However, the five DG's-elect will have an opportunity to meet with their newly appointed cabinets on Saturday.

Vice-President Lyman won't be a stranger to some Arkansas Lions. He attended last year's AEB Visiting District Governors from Neighboring States' Day.

He is a member of the St. Johns Lions Club and has 26-years perfect attendance. He was District Governor of District 11-C, 1967-68; and served on the Lions International Board of Directors, 1971-73. He holds six International President's Awards, the Extension Award and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award.

Last item on the convention's agenda for the general membership is the Sunday morning business session that will end with the drawing for a $50 door prize. This prize is for Lions only and the winner must be present to win.

THEN AND NOW — Mrs. Jack Mooney of Little Rock, a trainee in 1949, talks with Wilbur Byrd of Baton Rouge, La., who holds the certificate he received March 18 on the completion of his training. Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, shares the moment. All three spoke at the March 18 trainee banquet.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Searcy Noon Lions recently completed a special light bulb sale in downtown Searcy that brought in $394.40. The Searcy Club observed its 30th anniversary on March 29 with International Director Jim Sullivan of Wilburton, Okla., as guest speaker.

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Tennis has paid off handsomely for the North Little Rock Park Hill Lions. The club made $984.13 on sale of programs during the Fairfield Bay Tennis Classic, and $763 commission for ad sales. The week-long tournament featured some of the big-name players in professional tennis.

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A special thanks to District Governor Norris Walthall for his mentioning AEB's 30th anniversary in his March newsletter.

State Solons Visit Center

More than 40 members of the 19[illegible] General Assembly took a break from their lawmaking to have lunch at the AEB Rehabilitation Center on March 8.

AEB extended the invitation to the legislators as a means of expressing appreciation for the $250,000 matching appropriation that the 70th Arkansas General Assembly had appropriated the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign, and to show them the completed Phase One building.

Making the arrangements for the luncheon and tour were board members Joe Purcell of Benton, Arkansas' Lt. Governor; Ed Thicksten of Alma, representative District 13 (both board members); Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock, past president, AEB and past director, Lions International; and Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director.

Dr. Fowler presided over the luncheon and introduced a number of other AEB board members attending the lunchon. Kumpe introduced Louis Rives Jr., administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

A tour of the new facility followed the luncheon.

Navajo Trainee Returns Home To Snack Bar Job

Mr. Kelly, I'm FBI, too."

John Kelly, special agent in charge of the FBI's Arkansas office, looked with surprise and puzzlement at Joe Don Bekis of Shiprock, New Mexico, for an explanation. It wasn't long in coming.

"Full Blood Indian," Don announced with pride and a smile that covered his broad face.

That exchange took place when Don, a Navajo, was master of ceremonies for an AEB trainee lunchon at which Mr. Kelly was the speaker.

Don, blind since birth from an unknown cause, completed eight-months of personal adjustment and vocational training at the rehabilitation center last month. He is now operating his own snack bar at the Public Health Service Hospital on the Navajo Indian Reservation in northwestern New Mexico.

"AEB has been excellent for me," he claims. "It has given me the training and confidence that I will need to operate my snack bar.

Training at AEB required two steps. First was four months of personal adjustment, then followed four months of Small Business Management training. He lists mobility as being very important among the areas he worked at AEB.

"I don't know how far from my work will be living," he says, "but I will be living independently and that's a big reservation." That could be the reason he names mobility as being so important.

Don is proud of his Indian culture and heritage, as indicated by his exchange with John Kelly. He expresses concern over the erosion of the customs and hopes that he will always be able to hold to his ancestors' traditions.

He is also proud of another tradition that he's part of by virtue of his membership in the Shiprock Lions Club. Joe Don has served his club as treasurer, then admits, again with his broad smile, that he once ran for president, but got beat.

It may have been largely because of his association with Lions that he spoke with such compassion before the Stuttgart Lions and members of several Pulaski County Lions Clubs on the eve of his departure from AEB.

He thanked the gathered Lions and Lionesses for making his training possible by their support of AEB and pledged that the skills he had learned at AEB would be used to earn his own way and help others.

SOLO PIN — Joe Don Bekis of Shiprock, New Mexico, earned his "solo pin" at the completion of his orientation and mobility training and Joann Sims, his mobility instructor, presented the pin during his last day at AEB.

Texarkana Lions Celebrate 60th, Six Others Claim Forty Or More

Seven Arkansas Lions Clubs have observed or will be observing anniversaries of 40 years or more in 1977. Another 20 clubs will be celebrating their 30th anniversary.

The Texarkana Lions Club celebrated their 60th anniversary on February 19. This makes the Texarkana Lions, who were organized and meeting prior to the incorporation of Lions International, the second oldest club in Arkansas. (The Little Rock Founders Lions Club was organized March 10, 1916.)

The Van Buren Lions will celebrate 55 years of Lionism on August 17. Two lower Arkansas clubs have observed 50 years — Smackover on February 3 and Magnolia on February 9.

The Monticello Lions reached 45 years on February 18 of this year, and on November 23 the Little Rock Pulaski Heights Lions will observe 40 years and on December 3 the Clarendon Lions will celebrate their 40th.

Clubs who have reached or will reach 30 in 1977 are Hope, Jan. 15; Stephens, Jan. 28; Yellville, June 9; Batesville, May 26; Calico Rock, June 27; Corning, May 6; Fisher, June 13; Melbourne, June 30; Mountain Home, June 20; Mountain View, July 10; Paragould, April 29; Clinton, May 30; Parkin, May 26; Searcy Noon, Mar. 28; Crossett, Feb. 17; Dumas, Mar. 14; Eudora, Feb. 24; Gould, Mar. 18; McGehee, Mar. 7; and Warren, Feb. 7.

Committee Appointed

AEB President Gene Browne of Jonesboro has appointed a nine-member nominating committee to make recommendations for officers for the rehabilitation center for 1978.

Members are the five District Governors — Lawson Glover of Malvern, H. Jack Walters of Fayetteville, Orval M. Bair of Horseshoe Bend, J. D. Lewis of Forrest City and Norris Walthall of North Little Rock; plus Edward G. Barry of Little Rock, Herman West of Searcy, Bob Moore of Little Rock, and Dr. Don Freel of Hope.

Mr. Barry was named committee chairman.

The nominations will be presented during the AEB luncheon at the State Convention in Jonesboro on April 30 for voting by the Lions attending.

To Mexico City

Julia Sanchez Returns Home

AEB's population of trainees from other countries fell one more last month. Martha Julieta Sanchez Rucovo of Mexico City, Mexico, a professional intern for orientation and mobility training, completed her work.

(The international population wasn't down for very long, Nassir Ali Mosa of Saudi Arabia, arrived at AEB the following week.)

Orientation and mobility hasn't always been her goal. Julia completed Mexico's School for Teachers, a program that certified her as a teacher in the elementary school system. She taught for two years before deciding she might want to work with the blind.

"After spending that much time preparing to teach," she recalls, "I would have had to study four additional years to be qualified to teach the blind."

Julia learned that programs for mobility instructors wouldn't require as much time, but there wasn't any training available in Mexico. She contacted Mrs. Ruth Covo of Mexico City, a member of the International Services for the Blind's board, who recommended AEB.

The international scholarship fund provided Miss Sanchez a scholarship for six months orientation and mobility training at AEB. She arrived on August 28, the same day as Lions International President Sobral.

"Wow," she recalls, "that day was so active, I wondered if every day would be that way." They weren't, but they were active enough for Julia to learn the techniques for teaching mobility.

ORIENTATION TOOL — "Cotton"Guidry, mobility instructor, explains to Julia Sanchez of Mexico City how to use the scale model of the AEB campus. Mobility instructors use the model to orient trainees to the campus.

"There's no fear for me that I cannot teach mobility," she says. "At AEB I was able to work with so many different blind individuals that I feel I can handle most situations."

She does admit one situation that she couldn't control. She relates: "I was working downtown with a trainee who kept saying how hungry he was. Each time around the block we would pass a hamburger place. The third time he stopped and announced that 'he had found it' and went inside.

"I was left standing alone on the sidewalk. I went in after him, but he had already ordered two hamburgers, french fries and a milk shake for himself. But he did ask me if I wanted anything."

The part of her training that she feels will be most helpful was the work under the blindfold. "This helped me understand many of the problems that face the blind during 'travel.' "

Julia also attended part of the University of Arkansas graduate program on orientation and mobility. Other areas at AEB that she worked include Braille, crafts and the abacus.

"I hope to return and complete the orientation and mobility graduate program," Julia says, "but first I need to work in Mexico for a while."

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest
About Former Trainees

Mrs. Eugenia Williams of Dierks (AEB '74) was the guest speaker at a recent DeQueen Lions Club meeting. Mrs. Williams, who previously was a LPN at the DeQueen General Hospital, discussed the rehabilitation program at AEB.

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Walter Goodrum, 71, of Nashville, died recently of heart failure. He was the father of A. B. "Bunk" Goodrum, former AEB trainee and field representative, and Joe, former trainees. The Goodrum family requested memorials be made to the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

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Two former AEB trainees from other countries happened to revisit the rehabilitation center on the same day. Sylvia Roose of Antwerp, Belgium (AEB '75), was visiting in the United States and made AEB one of her stops. Saleh Muhanna of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (AEB '70), perhaps better known as the person on the left in AEB's widely-used photograph that shows the wide range of blindness, visited AEB for a day. He is now a special educator in the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia. He is responsible for AEB's latest international trainee, Nassir Ali Mosa from Saudi Arabia.

Membership Letter Shows Increase In Contributions From Supporters

Both the number of responses and the amount of contributions resulting from AEB's Sustaining Membership Letter are greater than the previous year.

The 1976 letter, mailed during November, went to more than 1,500 individuals who have been steady contributors and supporters of the rehabilitation center over the years. This is approximately the same number as mailed in 1975.

According to Lila Lampkin, AEB administrative assistant, there have been 588 answers that have contributed $11,218.50 to AEB and its work with the blind and visually impaired. This is 49 more contributors and a $2,565 increase in the amount contributed.

Miss Lampkin points out that those contributing receive **New Life** and a membership card. Records of all contributions are maintained and a contributor can find out the support he has given AEB through the years.

Sustaining membership letters for 1977 will be mailed in November.

NEW YORK VISITOR — Clare Hood of the New York Association for the Blind, director, medical, Low Vision and Psychological Services, was at AEB recently for seminar. During her stay at the rehabilitation center, Amy Pais, AEB Low vision clinician, gave her a tour that included a stop at AEB's low vision clinic.

LIFE PLAN, BRAILLE VERSION — Bill Tomlin [left], vocational counselor with the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Jim Davidson [right], Motivation Services, Inc., recently visited AEB and presented a Braille copy of Life Plan, **an approach to planning your life for its greatest fulfillment, to AEB's new library. Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, accepted on behalf of AEB and its trainees.**

JIM MOWREY

Meet The Staff

Jim Mowrey, AEB's deaf-blind specialist, first came to AEB in 1970 as a mobility instructor. He returned to school after eight months to complete work on his Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling.

He rejoined AEB in 1971 as a counselor.

A 1969 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, with a degree in psychology and sociology, Mowrey received his Masters from the University of Central Arkansas, Conway.

He became AEB's specialist in work with the deaf and blind in 1975 following additional training at the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, New York. The additional training included fingerspelling and sign language, both areas of deaf-blind communications.

Mowrey's work with the deaf and blind includes evaluation and consultation; plus follow up and aid in job placement.

He is an active Lion, a member of the Little Rock Southwest club, past secretary and currently serving as president. He holds a Captain's commission in the inactive Army reserve. Hobbies are hunting, fishing and golf.

Mowrey, a native Little Rockian, is married and has one son.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Col. Roy M. Mueller by Russellville Noon Lions Club
Mrs. Guy W. Owen by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Dr. Hal Dildy by Dr. J. M. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
J. W. Strawn by Benton Brandon and Doug Brandon
Wilbur Engelkes by Monticello Lions Club
T. A. Prewitt by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rochel
Mrs. H. A. Schaer, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kumpe and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Raymond Sykes by Miss Lila Lampkin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Ivan Rose by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
C. L. Burch by Hughes Lions Club
Mrs. Jennie Hicks McKenzie by Robert Sakon
Mrs. Bertha Huggins West by Robert Sakon
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Mrs. Nannie Jackson by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
Terril Huff by Kiwanis Club of Searcy
The Mother and Father of Mrs. Lloyd Morgan by Little Rock Founders Lions Club, Dr. J. M. Fowler, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Hattie D. Pope by Jimmy, Jamie, and Jon Wilmoth
Mary Edna Holliman by Jimmy, Jamie, and Jon Wilmoth
George Eustace by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Mrs. Bertha Mae King by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott
Mrs. Frances Stansill by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott
Mrs. Eather Gathright by Ashdown Lions Club
Mrs. Haco Boyd by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
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Mrs. Evelyn Pearson Ballard by Orren L. Hays
Mrs. John Rea by Juanita and Nita Beall
Mr. Joseph Kohn by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Callie Shirley by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Hulsey and Family
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Miss Emily Diane Jones by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mr. Walter Card by Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Osborne
Mr. Curtis Lindstrom by Cherokee Village Indiana Lions Club
Mrs. Lucy M. Pless by Raymond A. Isenman
Mr. Roy Dickerson by Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Ludden

GET WELL

Mr. Robert Shepard by Miss Lila Lampkin
Mrs. Janice Case by Mr. A. W. Isenman, Jr., AEB Staff, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyte Pyle
Mr. Roy Jackson by Miss Lila Lampkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Hoyte Pyle by Miss Lila Lampkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Miss Mildred McCullock by Miss Lila Lampkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Lillian Leftwich by Miss Lila Lampkin
Mrs. Lee Broadway by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mr. Marvin H. Potts by Mr. Duke McCloy
Mrs. Mary Boughton by Horseshoe Bend Lioness Club

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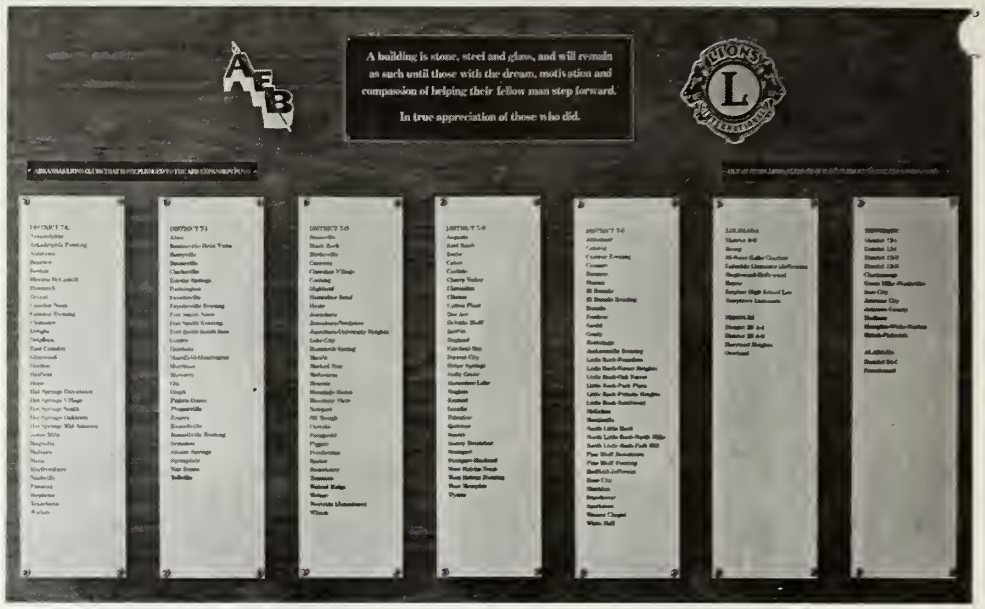

An Editorial

Plaques

Those walking through the Fowler Building should pay close attention to the six plaques that are hanging in the various locations throughout the building. They're there for a purpose, not just decoration.

Sure, after a while they'll become so familiar to board members and staff that they'll be overlooked. Maybe this isn't unusual, but they should not become so familiar that we fail to call attention to them, especially when touring visitors.

Those of us who have struggled through the construction and financing of the new facility know why they are there. Let's make sure those who come later know something about the building, something more than "here it tis." After all, it didn't happen without a great deal of effort. It actually covers the administration of four AEB presidents — Lawson Glover of Malvern, Dr. J. M. Fowler of Little Rock and Gene Browne of Jonesboro.

Let's take it on ourselves to point out the plaques.

The first one might be the one that honors Dr. J. M. Fowler. There wasn't enough room on it to recount the many ways he helped make possible the building's construction. Just the fact that it's named in his honor is enough.

The largest plaque will be hard to miss, and might be the one to capture the greatest interest. It lists the Lions Clubs who have participated in the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign — 160 from Arkansas, and 29 clubs, districts, Leo and Lioness clubs from Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Alabama.

Another plaque that's important to the building program is the one honoring those who provided furnishings for the rooms in the building. Currently there are nine names on this board, but there's room for others.

Before entering AEB's library, a visitor should be shown the plaque that lists staff members who contributed to the building. There are 63 names and together their contribution almost reaches $15,000.

There's a smaller plaque, but equally as important as any of the others, just outside the physical fitness area. This one is in memory of Lion Louis I. Diesel, a member of the Little Rock Forest Heights Lions before his death and husband of Mrs. Elise Diesel who has been associated with AEB as a volunteer and staff member for 25 years. His family is furnishing the room in his memory.

To see the sixth plaque, visitors are going to have to look up. It's small, and is attacked to a clock. The Morrilton Lions gave the clock to AEB in memory of Mrs. Jeannette Leinhart of Morrilton.

Those are the plaques. Let's make sure everyone sees them.

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'Best Wishes'

AEB has received a number of letters and telegrams of "best wishes" in connection with the dedication of the Fowler Building.

U. S. Senator Dale Bumpers, a member of the AEB board, telegrammed his "regrets that other duties will prevent my joining you at the dedication . . . Please convey my kindest regards and best wishes . . ."

Others who wrote included Richard Kinney, president, Hadley School for the Blind, Chicago; L. Leon Reid, director, Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind, Pittsburgh; R. W. Kirby, executive director, Braille Institute of America, Inc., Los Angeles; and Gerald W. Mundy, executive director, Clovernook Home and School for the Blind.

Lions who remembered the rehabilitation center and expressed their feelings were Austin Jennings, International Director, Woodbury, Tenn.; Jack Baggett, District Governor, Corsicana, Texas; and S. K. Kazeronni, past International Director, Tehran, Iran.

Fowler Building Set Aside To Serve The World's Blind

More than 200 Lions, friends and other supporters of the AEB Rehabilitation Center braved heavy rain and thunderstorms April 3 to be at the rehabilitation center for the dedication of the Dr. J. M. Fowler Building.

Activities for the event included the dedication address and other speakers, plus entertainment by a former AEB trainee and staff member, in AEB's auditorium, tours of the new facility, and a reception in the new solarium.

Lieutenant Governor Joe Purcell of Benton, an AEB board member, delivered the well-received dedication address that compared AEB's programs of today against those of 1947 when the rehabilitation center opened. He recounted the Lions' involvement and reflected that AEB has never been in competition with state-supported residential schools for the blind, but a program designed to augment those programs and serve the adult blind.

The Lt. Gov. pointed out that this building spans four presidents of AEB. "The dream and planning were directed by Lawson Glover of Malvern, the financial campaign under Dr. J. M. Fowler, ground breaking and construction under Hoyte Pyle of Little Rock, and completion and dedication during the term of Gene Browne of Jonesboro."

"However, a very important fact to remember," he emphasized, "is that this building wasn't built by man, but to serve man."

Touching on the financing of the Fowler Building, Purcell noted that it was a joint effort between the individual citizen, represented by the Lions; the state, and federal government. He called on the Lions to redouble their effort to complete paying for the building, noting that it's the only liability among AEB's $2.3 million in assets.

Dr. Fowler, responding to Purcell's address, thanked the Lions and AEB's Board of Directors for the naming of the building in his honor and pointed out that work is underway to finish the financial campaign for the construction program.

He closed his response by introducing his mother, Mrs. Julia Fowler, his son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Kay; and his daughter, Martha Haley; and grandaughter, Leigh.

The plaque honoring Dr. Fowler, that will hang near the lobby entrance,

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ISB Board Studies 19 Applicants For AEB Rehabilitation Training

Directors of the International Services for the Blind elevated Jess P. Odom to the newly created position of Chairman of the Board, then voted for Roy Kumpe to succeed Odom as president. They assume their new roles on July 1.

The board's action came at the close of the annual Board of Directors meeting that was held April 4 at the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

During the meeting the board members met five International trainees who are currently receiving ISB scholarship aid at AEB. They were Lucia Canizares of Colombia, S.A.; M.V. Shirdhonkar of India, Veronica Ezejiofo of Nigeria, Africa; Nassir Mosa of Saudia Arabia and Elva Baez of Paraguay, S.A.

Later in the meeting the board members discussed a list of 19 applicants for ISB aid. The scholarship committee has recommended providing 10 scholarships and

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UNVEILING — The plaque, unveiled by Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell and Gene Browne, is in honor of Dr. J. M. Fowler and now hangs in the lobby of the Fowler Building. Roy Kumpe and Dr. Fowler look on as the unveiling occurred before those attending the dedication services.

CAMERA SHY? One member of the Central Arkansas Christian School's Third Grade found the camera of more interest than AEB Technique of Daily Living supervisor Helena Ward's explanation of how blind individuals sew. For some more of their reactions to AEB, see the story on this page.

Kids Write

...And They Say!!!

Art Linkletter has told us for years that "kids say the darnest things." Now Jim Cordell, AEB assistant executive director, adds that kids write the darnest things.

He has the proof. A package of letters from the Third Grade of the Central Arkansas Christian School in Little Rock. Jim arranged for the youngsters to tour AEB and their teacher assigned them to write thank you notes. This led to some interesting observations.

Each had words of special thanks that they put into their own style. Some added poems, and several demonstrated artistic skills with drawings of things they saw. One writer thanked Jim Cordell, then qualified his remarks by writing, "you went through a lot of trouble so we thought we would thank you!"

Another was really impressed with Jim Cordell's knowledge of AEB. "You are the only one who knows the place real well." Jim's 17 years at AEB earned that recognition.

There was one student who marveled, "it was great that we could learn so much from not so many people." Another put it this way, "we close (sic) our eyes when we went up and down steps and we saw what blind people feel like."

One shared her experiences with her parents and reported, "when I told my parents how you cook eggs, they were really amazed."

Most of the artwork concerned individuals using the "white cane," but one drew a spring scene complete with grass, flowers, trees and a butterfly. They also expressed their appreciation of the handicraft work of some of AEB's trainees and one commented, "it was amazing how pretty there (sic) work was."

Even some of our safety devices got some praise. One girl thought the buzzer at the top of the stairs (a warning device) "was neat."

One thought our building was huge, and another was happy he "learned a lot about how blind people live independently."

Kids do write and say the darnest things, but they perceive a great deal and they express it straight from their hearts.

College Bound Youths Enter College Prep Training On June 13

For the 17th consecutive summer, the AEB Rehabilitation Center will be hosting recent high school graduates who are college bound for a nine-week College Preparatory program.

Jim Cordell, AEB assistant executive director, is looking for approximately 25 blind and visually impaired students to be enrolled on June 13 when the training begins. Dr. John Lammers, he adds, will be returning as academic instructor.

Lammers, an English instructor at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, is returning for the third year with the program. Cordell will again be the program's coordinator.

Last year's class of 32 brought to 732 the number of high school graduates who have completed the training. According to statistics prepared in 1968 by Dr. Clyde Smith, former AEB trainee and currently a faculty member at Bradley University, less than 1 percent of those completing college prep training drop out of school their first year.

This year's program will be basically the same as year's past. Trainees will sharpen their skills in several personal adjustment areas — orientation and mobility, social skills, Braille, techniques of daily living and typing — in addition to the academic instructions.

They will also spend some time at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock learning the library system and auditing summer classes.

When College Prep ends in August three students will receive scholarships and a fourth will earn the Postive Mental Attitude award. A $200 scholarship will go to the outstanding trainee as selected by the AEB staff; and two $150 scholarships will go to the outstanding male and female trainee as selected by their peers. The trainees will also select the PMA recipient.

Former AEB president Robert Sakon of England donates the scholarships in honor of Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, and the Serendipity Fund, administered by Mrs. Nanette Walker of Texarkana, Tex., contributes the $25 PMA award.

New Snack Bar Expands Training Opportunities For AEB's Small Business Management Program

While the AEB Rehabilitation Center is observing its 30th year, the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Inc., is nearing its 38th anniversary. That will occur August 23.

AEB was organized in 1939 to finance employment opportunities for the blind through the vending stand program. Since those early days the vending stand program, now known as the Business Enterprise Program and administered by the state, has been part of AEB's vocational training.

In 1974 the training program was expanded to become the Small Business Management program, a course that goes beyond the traditional vending stand operation. With the completion of the Fowler Building, the instructional area and the snack bar have a new location.

"The new stand is designed closer to what trainees will find on the job," reports Marion Biddle, SBM instructor. "This should make it easier for them to apply their training to the actual job of managing a business."

NEW SNACK BAR — AEB's new snack bar is on the Ground Level of the Fowler Building. Offering two service windows, with coffee and cold drinks available outside the enclosed snack bar, the new area offers a more realistic training area for trainees in the Small Business Management course.

Using the snack bar as an effective on-the-job training tool requires spending a great deal of time operating it. Trainees man the snack bar during coffee breaks, in the evenings and on weekends.

Classroom work is designed to enable the trainee to operate any type of small business. The course teaches good business practices, inventory control, stocking and stock rotation, cash flow, tax computation, bookkeeping and similar areas of need for a business.

In addition to on-the-job training that's available in AEB's snack bar, there's field training through the BEP, managed by the State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired. There are field trips to stands in Little Rock that are operated by former AEB trainees. This allows the trainee to see a stand in operation.

Now all trips are to vending stands. Any business in which a trainee has expressed interest — curb market, gift shop, newsstand, or pawn shop — are visited by the group.

Mrs. Biddle feels the new snack bar arrangement has some advantages and is quick to cite them. She names the two cash drawers and two work windows that allow faster service, ample storage area, and that the area can be locked without having to remove the merchandise from the counter.

"One day is spent at the Small Business Administration," she adds.

Currently there are seven trainees taking SBM instruction at AEB. Since the SBM program started in 1974, nearly 20 blind individuals have completed the training.

ACB Elects Weiss Vice-President

Johnette Weiss, AEB abacus instructor, was recently elected Second Vice-president of the Arkansas Council of the Blind at that organization's annual membership meeting in Little Rock.

The Council honored Southwestern Bell as the "Employer of the Year," and named former AEB trainee Ann McDaniel as the "Handicapped Employee of the Year." Miss McDaniel is a traffic service position system operator, a job that was opened to the blind through AEB research and development.

White Cane Results Up From Last Year

Thirty-four Arkansas Lions Clubs have shared $5,857 from their "White Cane" activities with the State Sight Conservation Committee for work with the blind in Arkansas.

According to Bob Shepard, AEB business administrator who keeps these records, this is a slight increase over last year.

Funds generated by "White Cane" and turned over to the SCC will be used for the two state projects — AEB Rehabilitation Center and the Eye and Kidney Bank.

Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith, committee chairman, points out that the Committee suggests that clubs retain half of their proceeds and share the other half with the Committee for its work.

He cited several clubs who had outstanding "White Cane" activities. They were Hot Springs Oaklawn, Hot Springs Village, Hot Springs South, Mena, Rogers, Horseshoe Bend and Little Rock Park Plaza.

Partners Magazine Reports On Bolivian AEB Training

Partners, the bi-monthly publication of the Partners of the Americas, reported on the studies of Maria Elena Palomo of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, S.A., at AEB. It was the February-March issue of the publication.

Maria was a trainee at AEB for six months before returning home to teach Braille in a small, private school in Santa Cruz. Her training at AEB was partly financed by International Service for the Blind and the Partners program paid her transportation.

'L' And 'N' Each Charter Clubs

There are now 200 Lions Clubs in Multiple District 7 — Arkansas.

Recently charted was the Hot Springs Village Breakfast Club in Hot Springs Village. This makes the sixth club in the Hot Springs Area. It's in Lawson Glover's District 7-L.

Chartered on April 25 was the Earle Lions Club. This club's in J.D. Lewis' District 7-N.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

Former AEB trainee Dr. Larry Baker of St. Louis, University of Missouri-School of Business Administration, spotted an article about the AEB Rehabilitation Center in the District 26-A-2 (Missouri) newsletter. Thanks to District Governor Jack Newman for the fine story, and thanks to Dr. Baker for forwarding it to us.

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Joe Poe of Hot Springs was recently presented the Service to Mankind Award by the Sertoma Club of Hot Springs. The award was given for such a long list of community activities that it would take a special issue to list them. It took the Hot Springs **Sentinel Record** 17-column inches to name them. They include 30 years as a member of the Hot Springs Lions, perfect attendance for each year, more than 5,000 meetings, club president 1956-57, and treasurer for the past 16 years. He has sponsored 35 new members, helped organize six clubs and is a member of both the AEB and EKB board of directors.

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The Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank will sponsor the 5th Arkansas Arabian Horse Show in Barton Coliseum, June 10-13. This is the first year for the show to be sponsored by anyone other than the association of horse owners. EKB will handle ticket sales and class sponsorship of the events. Arkansas Lions are urged to support this effort. Anyone interested in sponsoring an event, or helping with ticket sales should contact the EKB office.

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That's right, Lion Tom Newton, any Lion can visit AEB at any time and get a tour of the rehabilitation facility. Thanks for bringing this out in your North Little Rock Lions **Bulletin**, and thanks for such a good description of the Fowler building, our newest.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Approximately 525 persons were in attendance at the annual stockholders meeting of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind held during the Lions Annual State Convention in Jonesboro.

Who'll Second It!

What needs seconding is the DeQueen **Bee's** recent editorial that offered an outstanding suggestion to NBC and its programming for the Today show. The southwest Arkansas newspaper recalled the Bicentennial salute to Arkansas and its hour of picking and singing, hillbilly — style, that left many feeling the state had been gypped.

The **Bee** felt NBC could have presented "us (Arkansas) in a far better light.

"For instance, (and this is quoting the **Bee**) it could have done a segment on an institution that has brought the state world-wide recognition — the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind."

AEB, and the Lions of Arkansas, appreciate the **Bee** for remembering the rehabilitation center. This is not a new idea for AEB, however. NBC's Little Rock affiliate, KARK-TV, was contacted more than a year ago for help towards getting AEB on the Today show. We were told to contact NBC in New York, which we did. Now we are waiting.

Anyway, **Bee**, thanks for the nomination. All in favor say, "bite 'em!"

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was unveiled by Joe Purcell and Gene Browne with Dr. Fowler and Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, looking on. The dedication closed with a prayer of dedication by Travis White of Wichita Falls, Texas, a member of the ISB Board of Directors.

A brief historical account of AEB was given by Roy Kumpe and Louis Rives Jr., administrator, State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Douglas MacFarland of Washington D.C., director, OBVI, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department, Health, Education and Welfare; and Jerry Neira of Ecuador, S.A., a former AEB trainee, each discussed what AEB has meant to rehabilitation.

Others on the program were Gene Browne, who welcomed the guests; and Ed Barry Sr., AEB board member and past president of Lions International.

Brotherhood Award Given Mrs. Kolb

Mrs. Margaret Kolb, ISB 1st vice-president, was introduced to her fellow board members of ISB as the 1977 recipient of the Brotherhood Citation Award of the Arkansas Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

She received the award at a dinner April 28 at which Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota was the speaker. Mrs. Kolb was honored for her "tireless effort in striving to eliminate inter-group prejudices which disfigure and distort religious, business, social and political relations."

This was the 14th presentation of the award and as far as can be determined, Mrs. Kolb is the first woman to receive the award.

National Magazine Features Project

Computerworld, the newsweekly for the computer community, featured in its March 28 issue work with the blind that was stimulated in part by AEB.

The article described the development by Massachusetts Institute of Technology the equipment that makes possible for the blind to hold computer-assisted jobs. It emphasized the equipment is currently being installed at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Little Rock.

This equipment, the traffic service position system, will be operated by Ann McDaniel, a former AEB trainee. The article quoted George Dalrymple, the MIT engineer who developed the equipment and who is working closely with AEB technology specialist Don Puska on this project.

Former Trainee Dies

Word has been received at AEB of the death of Garey Jackson, former AEB trainee in Small Business Management. He died in early March.

He was in personal adjustment training from August, 1974 through March, 1975. He entered the SBM program in April, 1975 and completed his training in October, 1975.

He lived in Laramie, Wyoming, and had been a vending stand operator prior to his death.

Debbie Waller

Friends Honor Barrys

Lion Edward G. Barry Sr., past Lions International president and past AEB president, and Miss Ada recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. That's 50 years for those unfamiliar with "love and marriage."

Lion Ed's leadership, counsel, guidance and his empathy for the blind has been extremely beneficial to the rehabilitation center. The training building bears his name.

Now his 50 years of marriage has done the same. A host of friends and family members made contributions to AEB in honor of his and Miss Ada's Golden Anniversary.

Meet The Staff

Debbie Waller, AEB vocational training coordinator, first came to AEB in 1970 as an instructor in personal adjustment, left in 1973 but returned in 1975 as a vocational instructor and coordinator of the MR/DDS project.

Debbie assumed her current duties the first of this year.

A native of Camden, she graduated from Fairview High School, attended Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia; and received her BA in home economics from Henderson State University, Arkadelphia.

Currently she is working on her master's towards vocational evaluation at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Debbie has had additional training in a number of electronic aids for the blind — the Optacon, Apollo Laser, Visualtek and the "talking" calculator — and has taken several management and motivation courses.

She is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, American Council of the Blind, past president of the Diamond Chapter of the American Business Women's Association and was named that group's Woman of the Year in 1975.

Her hobbies include music, reading and interior decorating.

DOES IT WORK? Elizabeth McGregor of Little Rock, president of Xi Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, could be asking Jeff Shaffer of Plymouth, Ind., if the Glucose Analyzer, donated to AEB by her sorority, works. Lila Lampkin [second from left], AEB administrative assistant and a sorority member and chairman of service projects, looks on as Doris Thompson [right] AEB nurse, assists Jeff.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Mrs. Lizzie Cox by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Waller, Jr.
Mrs. Stivers by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Polly Goodrum Boyd by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. Robert Sakon, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Joe Clopton by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seay
Mr. Jerrell L. Taylor by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mr. Harvey F. Becker by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
Mr. Charles R. Dawe by Russellville Evening Lions Club
Mr. Carroll Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomason
Ms. Ruth Jones by Mr. Gene Maxwell
Mr. Ernest Cabe by Mrs. Violet A. Vestel
Mr. H. W. Hall by Mr. O. W. "Pete" Long, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stone, and Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club
Mr. Curtis Lindstrom by Cherokee Village Indians Lions Club
Col. W. B. Whitacre by Mrs. Alex Parsons and Mrs. Camille W. Collins
Mrs. Hastings by Lonoke Lions Club
Ms. Eliza Hickey by Mrs. Andrew Hulsey
Mrs. C. A. Hughes by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Johnnie and Bertha King by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Rowlan
Mrs. Pauline Dean Crook by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shollmier, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Shollmier, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shollmier, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shollmier
Ms. Clara Tubbs by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Burke
Mrs. Eva Lee Norton Carr by Mr. Robert Sakon
Mr. Henry Mills by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Rowlan
Mr. Charles E. Aldrich by Mr. and Mrs. George Warner
Mrs. Dorothy M. Wood by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black and Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Armstrong
Mr. J. L. McEntire by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton
Mr. J. C. Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton
Mr. O. O. Miles by Mrs. Frances Schreiber and Mr. A. B. Warren
Dr. Bill Owen by Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney
Mr. Henry Hart by Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney
Mrs. Erwin by Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney
Ms. Thelma Kimbrough by Mr. E. M. Trimble and Jimmy, Janie, and Jon Wilmoth
Mr. Fred Price by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Miss Lila Lampkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mr. Blondie Stinnett by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson
Mr. Thomas J. Lovell by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mr. Kenneth Walton by Mrs. Velma Walton
Mrs. Harold Pettigrew by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Mrs. Edith Anis Loux by Mrs. Ethel Little, Mrs. Doris Thompson, Mrs. Erna Hester, and Mrs. Juanita Henshall
Mrs. Carrie Morris by Forest Heights Lions Club
Mrs. Tom Shelton by Mr. W. H. Chapman
Mr. Allan Sanford Vandivere by Perryville Lions Club
Mrs. Ethel "Sadie" Hawkins by Dr. J. M. Fowler

GET WELL
Dr. Larry Dickerson by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Miss Mary Wackerhagen by Miss Lila Lampkin

IN HONOR OF
Golden Anniversary — Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Barry, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lambert, Mr. John A. Lambert, Mr. Richard Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. David Kelton, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bermett, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Barry, Jr.
43rd Wedding Anniversary — Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Ames by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Waller At Meeting

Debbie Waller, AEB coordinator of Vocational Services, attended and spoke to the Southeastern Prevocational and Vocational Workshop at the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Butner, North Carolina, April 25 through April 27.

Her presentation before the gathering of representatives from 10 facilities for the blind concerned AEB's methods of prevocational evaluation and training in the vocational area.

30th Anniversary
AEB Rehabilitation Center by Miss Lila Lampkin

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reviewing the other applicants for possible assistance at a later date.

Bob Shepard, AEB business administrator, reported on the recent sale promotion for light bulbs. He announced that 1,000 cases of bulbs could be traced directly to the special sales brochure recently mailed to Lions Club presidents in the United States. There were more than 14,500 brochures mailed urging clubs to take advantage of a special sale price.

Other officers elected for the coming year were Mrs. Margaret Kolb, 1st vice-president; Dr. J. M. Fowler, 2nd vice-president; Stanley Price, secretary; and George Tyler, treasurer. All are of Little Rock.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of April 6, 1977)

Arkansas Lions Club	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	$ 63,768.99	$ 44,132.81
District I	15,015.91	12,219.25
District O	30,472.00	22,881.00
District N	18,141.87	14,723.87
District S	92,612.21	73,993.22
Other Pledges (out of state Lions, staff and other friends)	64,634.00	58,282.00
Interest on deposits		8,626.00
Total	$284,644.98	$234,858.15

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An Editorial

"Walking To New Orleans"

Remember Fats Domino's song, "Walking To New Orleans?"

There may be some people who like New Orleans well enough to boast they would walk — provided there wasn't any other means. There may even be those among us who claim they remember when walking was a major means of getting about. If some of the energy calculations we hear are half correct, walking may again be popular. Maybe essential!

However, it's doubtful if any of the scheduled 300 Arkansas Lions who are planning to go to New Orleans for the 60th Lions International Convention, June 29 through July 2, will have to resort to "foot power" to reach the Crescent City.

Most will use their personal automobiles, no doubt CB equipped to dodge the Smokies. Others may elect to fly.

I attempted to reach Amtrack and inqure about train travel to New Orleans, but they wouldn't answer the phone. Perhaps it would be better if no one attempted to ride the train. The only one carrying passengers through Arkansas bisects the state from northeast to southwest, through Little Rock, connecting St. Louis to Laredo, Texas. No way that train could get you to New Orleans.

Anyway, it's doubtful if anyone would have a transportation problem, unless it's paying for gasoline. More likely the greatest problem will be getting to the Superdome parking lot.

The real need is to make sure each club is sending someone. A good showing by the Arkansas Lions would be beneficial to its candidate for 3rd vice-president in 1978.

There's another good reason to consider this year's convention. It will be the nearest to the state for several years — until 1982 in Atlanta. New Orleans is just over 400 miles from Little Rock. For the most part there are good roads.

After New Orleans there is Tokyo, Montreal, Chicago, Phoenix and then Atlanta. This will be a good convention to attend, and with luck, you won't have to "walk."

State Convention

Looks like each city is outdoing their neighbors when hosting a statewide Lions gathering. When it appeared all the superlative adjectives had been employed describing the wonderful job Hope did in hosting the 1977 Mid-Winter Conference, along comes Jonesboro with the 1977 State Convention.

Those overworked adjectives will have to come out of retirement. The Jonesboro meeting was that good. It ran on schedule, the meeting rooms were excellent, and no one would dare complain about the food.

Hats off to the four Jonesboro clubs, and their presidents for hosting the convention. Congratulations to the general convention co-chairmen, Jim Mashburn and Billy Noell. They did a real good job. They had help, of course, from the 18 different committee chairmen, who also did fine jobs.

Two other groups must be included in the list of those receiving plaudits, the staff of ASU's Carl Reng Center and the citizens of Jonesboro.

All the good effort turned in by Jonesboro, and Hope, during this year's meeting will really put the heat, pardon the pun Jonesboro, on Jacksonville, site of the 1978 Mid-Winter, and Pine Bluff, site of the 1978 State Convention.

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As job opportunities for the blind open, they will need a greater awareness of the technology available to aid their work. AEB's Votrax, a speech synthesizer, will play a major role in many job situations. Robert Frank of San Antonio, Texas, uses the keyboard as Chris Edelmann, AEB computer programmer, adjusts the speech pattern.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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Arkansas Lions Gather In Jonesboro For 24th AEB Rehabilitation Center Luncheon

More than 525 Arkansas Lions and their Lionesses attended the 24th AEB Rehabilitation Center's Membership Luncheon, held April 30, and heard Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, make his final report to a state convention as chief administrator of the rehabilitation center.

Kumpe, who organized AEB and has served as its only executive director, has announced his retirement for January 18, 1978.

Marlin Elected AEB President

Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock was elected the 1977-78 President of the AEB Rehabilitation Center during the June 5 quarterly board of directors meeting. He will be AEB's 26th president.

Marlin, who has served as second vice-president and chairman of the public education committee during the past year, is a past district governor and a member of the North Little Rock Lions.

Other officers elected by the board members include Wes Smelley of Little Rock, first vice-president; Robert L. Moore of Little Rock, second vice-president; Alvin Reap of Little Rock, treasurer; and J. D. Lewis of Forrest City, secretary.

In addition to the board members elected during the 24th AEB Membership Luncheon, additional directors were elected or re-elected by the board. Re-elected for one year terms were U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers of Washington, D.C., Dr. J. M. Fowler of Little Rock, William Nash of Little Rock, Jess P. Odom of Little Rock, and Robert Sakon of England.

John (Pete) Long of Memphis and Howard L. Patterson of Hattiesburg, Miss., were re-elected for two-year terms. Elected for their first two-year terms were Don Buckalew of Conroe, Texas, Jim Sullivan of Wilburton, Okla., Austin Jennings of Woodbury, Tenn., Robert L. Moore of Little Rock and Alvin Reap of Little Rock.

Ex-officio members of the board are Ed Barry Sr. of Little Rock, M. C. Lewis of Hot Springs and Herman West of Searcy.

Arkansas Lions, gathering for their 59th Assembly, almost filled the main ballroom of the Carl Reng Center on the campus of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro for the occasion. Among those attending were the Arkansas Lions special guest Ralph Lyman of Michigan, Lions International 2nd vice-president, and Mrs. Lyman.

M. V. Shirdhonkar of Indora, India, was the luncheon's main speaker. Shirdhonkar was a professional trainee at AEB before completing his nine-month training during May. He was co-sponsored by the Rotary International and the International Services for the Blind, an affiliate of AEB.

During his address to an attentive audience, Shirdhonkar called for an international body to aid the world's blind. He proposed a coalition to include Rotary International, International Services for the Blind, World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, the Helen Keller International, Inc. (formerly the American Foundation for Overseas Blind), and others interested in work for the blind.

Shirdhonkar used his country as an example of the blind's difficult situation in many countries. He noted that only 8,000 of India's nine million blind are receiving training and education. India has only 150 schools for the blind, he said.

PRESIDENT — Gene Browne of Jonesboro made his report to AEB's stockholders, the Arkansas Lions, during the AEB Membership Luncheon. President Browne's term expires June 30.

AEB honored two of its "special friends" during the luncheon. Stanley

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LUNCHEON SPEAKER — M. V. Shirdhonkar of Indora, India, a professional trainee at AEB, spoke to the 525 persons attending the 24th AEB Rehabilitation Center's Membership Luncheon at the Lions State Convention in Jonesboro. His audience included Lions International 2nd Vice-President Ralph Lyman of Michigan [right], and Dr. J. M. Fowler of Little Rock.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED — Because Lion Wallace Reynolds of the South Hot Springs Lions [center] was informed about the AEB Rehabilitation Center and did not hesitate to discuss AEB and its role in rehabilitating the blind, the rehabilitation center will share as much as $200,000 from the Sherwood Estate. Helping Roy Kumpe [right], AEB executive director, express the Board of Director's appreciation to Mr. Reynolds is Dale Cook, president of the South Hot Springs Lions.

AEB Honors Wallace Reynolds Of South Hot Springs Lions

Arkansas Lions have always been strong supporters of the AEB Rehabilitation Center, and some, like Wallace Reynolds of the South Hot Springs Lions, "go the second mile."

Going the extra mile by Lion Reynolds means that AEB will share the Laura P. Sherwood estate — a share that could exceed $200,000 for the rehabilitation center.

According to an established policy recently adopted by the Board of Directors, at least 75 per cent of this bequest will be directed into AEB's endowment fund. The remaining part of the bequest will be used as the board directs.

No matter how the share of the Sherwood Estate is divided, the real beneficiaries will be the blind and visually impaired individuals who come to the rehabilitation center for their personal adjustment, prevocational and vocational training.

AEB is the recipient of this will due to the interest and effort of Lion Wallace Reynolds. The South Hot Springs Lions discussed the rehabilitation center with Mrs. Sherwood. This led to a visit by her to AEB and when she prepared her will, she remembered AEB and its work with the blind.

The results could be approximately $200,000.

Lion Reynolds got to know Mrs. Sherwood while lending a hand with her yardwork. Wanting to keep busy in his retirement, he mowed her grass and tended the shrubs. He also talked with her and mentioned AEB and its work frequently.

AEB recently expressed its appreciation to Lion Reynolds with a certificate of appreciation.

Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, noted as he presented the certificate, that Lion Reynold's knowledge of AEB and its programs paid off when it was needed. Certainly he had no idea that this would be the results when he discussed the rehabilitation center with Mrs. Sherwood.

"I would like to see every Arkansas Lion informed about AEB to the extent that they might repeat Lion Reynold's experience," Kumpe emphasized.

State Lions Preparing For International Fete

It's Mardi Gras all year long in New Orleans and the Arkansas Lions who will be attending the 60th Lions International convention will have some time to enjoy the atmosphere — in spite of keeping a busy schedule.

That busy schedule begins for some Arkansans when the convention headquarters and offices open June 25. Registration and certification of delegates also begins June 25. There are special sessions, seminars, banquets, and other activities for special groups that will include some Arkansas Lions.

Arkansas folks will have their first gathering on June 28th, Tuesday, for a 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour in the Howard Johnson's Regency Room.

Next morning comes the Arkansas breakfast in the same room. Starting time for the breakfast is 7 p.m. and cost per person is $5.

Immediately following breakfa buses have been arranged to transpo the Arkansans to the International Parade that's scheduled for 9:30.

Arkansas Lions are urged to visit the hospitality area and stop by the Arkansas booth. It features the International Services for the Blind and the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Former Trainee Earns Employment Citation

Russell Douglas of Jackson, Tenn., (deaf-blind '75) has been recognized once more for his achievements as an employee at the Jackson-Madison County (Tenn.) Hospital.

Douglas, who is deaf and blind, was named on April 24 as the Handicapped Man of the Year for Western Tennessee in Jackson, Tenn. Earlier he had been selected Jackson County-Madison County Man of the Year.

With Douglas when he received the award were Grover Westov counselor; Herman Crouch, laundry supervisor where Douglas works; Bob Prause from New York, Helen Keller National Center; and Jim Mowrey, AEB deaf-blind specialist.

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Price, of the Rose Law Firm, a Little Rock attorney, was recognized for his many years of legal counsel to the rehabilitation center; and Mrs. Janet Dabney of Marked Tree, for her work as a certified Braille transcriber. Both received framed certificates from AEB and Lion statues from AEB's trainees.

Gene Browne of Jonesboro, AEB president, presided over the luncheon and Wes Smelley, AEB treasurer, gave the rehabilitation center's financial report. Browne then introduced Kumpe who in turn introduced the speaker, Shirdhonkar.

Kumpe received a standing ovation from the Lions as he concluded his remarks. He touched briefly on the Lions' involvement that began in 1947, and expressed his appreciation for their effort over the past 30 years.

Dr. Jim Fowler, chairman of the AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign, announced that some solicitation of individuals outside Lions clubs would begin.

Past International President Ed Barry Sr., chairman of the nominating committee, gave that committee's report. New directors elected or re-elected were (district representatives) L — Walter Silliman of Camden, I — Ed Thicksten of Alma, O — C.A. Leidy of Newport, N — Morris O'Quinn of Forrest City, and S — Russell Brown of Little Rock; (members at large) Joe Purcell of Benton, Wes Smelley of Little Rock, Dr. O.J. Ratcliff of North Little Rock, Milton Brummer of Hot Springs Village, and Walker Tucker of Little Rock.

SPECIAL AWARDS — Mrs. Janet Dabney of Marked Tree and Stanley Price of Little Rock were recognized for special work with the blind. Mrs. Dabney is a certified Braille transcriber, and Mr. Price, a member of the Rose Law firm, has provided many years of legal service to the rehabilitation center, in addition to having served AEB as president and secretary.

Regulations Published For Latest Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments

Regulations designed to implement provisions of the Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments of 1974 were announced March 23 by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW). These rules give blind persons greater priority in the operation of vending facilities on federal property.

The new provisions include:

- A formula to share vending machine income on federal property with blind vendors,
- an elected State Committee of Blind Vendors guaranteeing operators greater participation in management of the program,
- requirements that all new federal buildings have satisfactory sites for
- a vending facility that provides a good opportunity for earning a livelihood for properly trained individuals,
- priorities to blind persons operating vending facilities on federal property,
- retirement and other fringe benefits for operators, and
- provides procedures that assures grievances against the state agency administering the program, or disputes between state licensing agencies and federal agencies be resolved by an ad hoc arbitration panel appointed by the Secretary of HEW.

In 1976, some 3,800 blind vending facility operators earned an average annual income of $9,800 from 3,431 facilities on federal and other property.

AEB continues to train vending stand operators through its Small Business Management training program.

ELISE DIESEL

Meet The Staff

Elise Diesel, AEB recreational and physical fitness coordinator, has been involved with the rehabilitation center for 25 years, the first 15 as a volunteer and the last 10 as a staff member.

A Memphis native, but raised in St. Louis and Springfield, Mo., she received a degree in English from De Pauw University of Greencastle, Ind.

Mrs. Diesel is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, American Council of the Blind and the American Association of University Women. Her hobbies include swimming and reading — as her membership in a book club would indicate.

However, Elise points out, her work fits right in with the things she likes to do. Her work with AEB's recreational program allows her to attend popular and cultural events in Little Rock. These are training activities that are included in AEB's overall program that she arranges for the trainees to attend.

A mother of three children and a grandmother once, Elise is the widow of Louis I. Diesel, a member of the Forest Heights Lions before his death.

Doug MacFarland, Frequent AEB Visitor, Dies May 4

Douglas C. MacFarland, Ph.D. of Springfield, Virginia, a member of the International Services for the Blind board of directors, died May 4 at his home.

Dr. MacFarland was well known in Arkansas and throughout the world for his work with rehabilitation programs for the blind. His career, which began in 1944, dealt with vocational counseling, placement and administration of programs for the blind.

Blinded at age 9, the New Jersey native received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.-D. in vocational rehabilitation from New York University.

He worked with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, the Delaware Commission for the Blind and the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped, including eight years as director of the Virginia program. In 1964 he became chief of the Division of Services to the Blind, Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW). He was director, Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Office of Human development, DHEW a the time of his death.

The nation of Tunisia presented Dr. MacFarland the Order of the Republic of Tunisia for his bringing rehabilitation programs for the blind to that country, and the American Foundation for the Blind awarded him the Migel Medal in 1975 for outstanding service in work for the blind.

Elected a director of ISB in 1972, Dr. MacFarland attended the April 4 directors meeting. During that meeting, as decisions were being made that would affect the rehabilitation training prospects of a number of individuals around the world, Dr. MacFarland made an impassioned plea for the world blind, especially those in India. On the previous day, April 3, he had been one of the principle speakers at the dedication of the J. M. Fowler Building.

He is survived by his widow, a son and two daughters.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

Sorry 'bout that, Fort Smith Noon Lions!

You are observing your 58th year as a club, having been chartered March 8, 1919. It was an oversight that you were not named in the March issue of **New Life**. Thanks to **Lions Lair** editor Sam L. McCartney for pointing this out.

Rechecking the records, it was discovered that not only the Fort Smith club was overlooked, but also the Hot Springs Downtown Lions, chartered March 13, 1919; and the Jonesboro Lions, chartered August 21, 1919.

A Quote

"For three days, my eyes remained bandaged. I couldn't see a thing, couldn't move my eyes. I had a lot of time to think, to reflect, to worry about my sight. It was a very difficult time to get through. If you want to find out how much you enjoy your sight, wear a blindfold for an hour, just one hour."

Jerry Kramer, Farewell To Football

Concert Organist Performs At AEB

AEB trainees attending the May 16 general assembly were entertained with organ music and given some information that could produce a number of new organists from among their number.

The entertainer was Bill Irwin of Torrance, Calif., a noted organist who was in Little Rock for a concert at Plaza East in the Camelot Inn. Arrangements for Irwin's visit to Little Rock and AEB were made by J and J Piano and Organ who also furnished the organ he played at AEB.

In addition to being an outstanding performer, Mr. Irwin is a writer, composer, arranger, lecturer and has released several albums.

The reason his visit could lead to many new organists is because he has created a course that teaches the blind to play the organ. The course, available from the Library of Congress, is free for the blind. It's on reel to reel or cassette tape.

While at AEB, Mr. Irwin was accompanied by Lynn Boaz from J and J.

CHECK FOR AEB — Evalyn Cox, president of the Pilot Club of Little Rock, hands Lila Lampkin, AEB administrative assistant, a check to the rehabilitation center on behalf of the Pilot Club. The cash award, given by the Sears Company, was won by the Pilot Club for having Arkansas' nominee for the Professional Handicapped Woman of the Year for 1976, Dr. Kathryn Snider, an instructor at UALR and an AEB volunteer. Miss Lampkin was the club's first nominee in 1970.

MINI-CONCERT — Bill Irwin explains to AEB trainees his course that teaches the blind to play the organ, and he demonstrated his ability by playing a number of selections.

National Charities Examined By Bureau

Frequently, national magazines will issue a report on how American's charitable dollars are being used, or misused. The May, 1977, **Better Housekeeping** carried a report from the National Information Bureau (NIB) that might be of interest to those who support work with the blind.

Eight standards that the NIB felt organizations should meet in order to freely solicit contributions were (1) an active governing body, serving without compensation and holding active meetings; (2) legitimate purpose; (3) reasonable management efficiency; (4) cooperation with established angencies in the same field; (5) ethical publicity, promotion and fund solicitation methods; (6) no mail of unordered merchandise or general telephone solicitation; (7) annual audit using Uniform Accounting Standards; and (8) detailed annual budget.

Generally, those collecting money for work with the blind meet the criteria established by the NIB. Five don't.

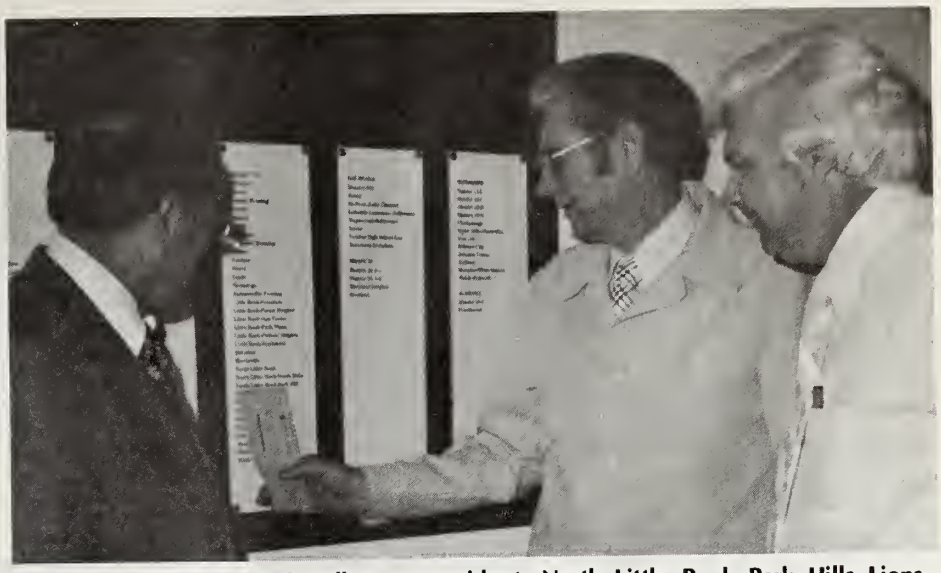
Those five not meeting one or more of the standards are the American Brotherhood for the Blind, Camps for the Blind (Christian Record Braille Foundation), Hope School for Blind Multiple Handicapped Children, National Camps for Blind Children, and the National Federation of the Blind.

Three agencies working in the field were credited with meeting all standards. They were the National Society for Prevention of Blindness, New Eyes for the Needy, and Recording for the Blind.

Neither the AEB Rehabiliatation Center nor the International Services for the Blind were listed because neither solicit nationwide. However, both meet the eight standards as established by the NIB, and each goes a step further.

AEB is a charter member of the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. ISB is a member of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and the Affiliated Leadership League. All three organizations maintain standards of operations and enforce their criteria.

According to the magazine report, charities in America will collect over $26 billion and the report states that more than $100 million will be wasted.



NOW A ROOM — Fred Galloway, president, North Little Rock Park Hills Lions, [center] shows Dr. Jim Fowler, left, the club's name as a contributor to the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. He holds a $500 check, the first part of the club's latest pledge, $1,500 to furnish a room in the new building. Duane Balentine, AEB director of rehabilitation and the club's third vice-president, looks on.

HAWAIIAN VISITOR — Mrs. Beatrice Higuchi [right] administrator, Service for the Blind, Hawaii, visited AEB following several stops in Washington and New York. Two Hawaiians have trained at the rehabilitation center and Mrs. Higuchi wanted to visit AEB because she "likes what AEB did for the two." Marion Madison, AEB speech therapist, stands with the visitor.

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Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Father of Noland Purtell by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shollmier
Mrs. Obray Nunnley by Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCloy
Mrs. George F. McKinney by Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Roberts and Roy, Jr.
Mother of Mrs. Tullio Jaccuzzi by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry H. Markham
Mr. W. E. Bolding by Conway Evening Lions Club
Mrs. John Wooten by Mrs. Connie Burns, Mrs. Jimmie Glenn, Mrs. Virginia McMahon
Mr. Howard J. Johnson by Mr. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Mrs. Wanna Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
Mr. Robert M. Perryman by Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Seay and Boys
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Dr. H. M. Biggs by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
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Mr. Charles C. Pittman by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rachel
Mr. George Snider by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rachel
Mrs. G. E. Dodson by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rachel
Mr. Keith Dooly by Danny and Sandra Snyder
Mr. John Wade by Forest Heights Lions Club
Mr. Vernon Troxler by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Miss Lila Lampkin
Dr. Charles Smith by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mr. Marion Wogomon by Mrs. Franklin Meyers
Mr. Earl Meyers by Mrs. Franklin Meyers
Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland by Mr. and Mrs. Duane Balentine, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, and Miss Lila Lampkin
Mrs. Gertrude Tiefenbrun by Mr. F. M. Giltinan
Mr. A. M. Bowles by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reap
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Mr. Max Fowler by Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Glover
Mr. H. H. Vahrenkamp by Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Vahrenkamp

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IN HONOR OF

Mr. Isadore Scrinopskie's 85th Birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mr. Isadore Scrinopskie's 85th Birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Basinger

New Eyes For Needy Reports On Use Of Collected Eye Glasses

Glasses delivered to the AEB Rehabilitation Center by Lions Clubs, other organizations, and individuals have contributed to an increase in services by the New Eyes for the Needy, Inc.

AEB forwards glasses brought to the rehabilitation center to the New Jersey-based, volunteer, social service organization that was founded in 1932.

According to a report by New Eyes, 65,000 pairs of glasses were packaged and redistributed to medical missions in Ghana, Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia, the Philippines, and India. Proceeds from the jewelry and silver sale produced income to purchase 9,072 pairs of new eyeglasses and 24 artificial eyes in this country.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of May 11, 1977)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	$ 63,858.99	$ 46,225.31
District I	15,215.91	12,654.25
District O	30,447.00	24,185.00
District N	18,251.87	14,833.87
District S	93,767.21	75,233.22
Other Pledges (out of state Lions, staff and other friends)	64,780.00	59,488.00
Interest on deposits		8,626.00
Total	$286,320.98	$241,245.65

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An Editorial

Club Participation

For almost three years the Arkansas Lions have been involved in a campaign to raise $1,000,000 to expand the facilities of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Now might be a good time to see how well the clubs have done and to recognize those playing major roles.

Five Arkansas Lions Clubs have paid an average of more than $100 per member. One Arkansas club exceeded $200. Those clubs, and the average per member they have paid the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign, are Little Rock Forest Heights, $228; Little Rock Park Plaza, $178.80; Malvern, $155.99; Little Rock Founders, $145.50; and Little Rock Oak Forest, $101.20.

Of the almost 200 Arkansas Lions Clubs, 49 others have paid between $20 and $100 per member. Those clubs, listed by district, are:

District L

Ashdown	$98.21
Benton	64.80
Camden Noon	40.78
Camden Evening	73.91
DeQueen	28.07
East Camden	20.00
Gurdon	39.28
Hatfield	24.05
Hope	35.43
Hot Springs Downtown	50.81
Hot Springs South	61.29
Hot Springs Oaklawn	82.22
Mena	35.13
Prescott	50.00

District I

Fort Smith Noon	$34.33
Fort Smith Evening	36.54
Russellville	24.00
Russellville Noon	32.40

District O

Batesville	$35.65
Blytheville	49.65
Corning	31.65
Jonesboro	47.39
Jonesboro-Nettleton	39.38
Jonesboro University	37.29
Manila	26.80
Marked Tree	22.39
Oil Trough	23.07
Paragould	82.20
Walnut Ridge	60.00
Wilson	39.00

District N

Augusta	$44.28
DeWitt	23.80
Forrest City	35.00
Searcy	20.50
Stuttgart	46.39
West Helena Noon	20.73
Wynne	39.70

District S

Dumas	$55.40
Jacksonville	25.90
Little Rock Pulaski Heights	51.41
North Little Rock	75.46
NLR Park Hill	92.54
Pine Bluff	53.67
Pine Bluff Evening	89.36
Sheridan	48.25
Smackover	25.52
Watson Chapel	32.60
White Hall	95.40

These figures aren't complete. Clubs are continuing to pay on their pledge with only 87 clubs completely paying their pledge. A scoreboard that gives the total raised by Arkansas Lions, out of state Lions, AEB staff members and others, is located on Page 8 of this issue.

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Twelve recent high school graduates are completing nine-weeks of College Preparatory training at AEB this month. Included in their work was two and a half weeks of studying at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Mike Lockett of Jeanerette, La., was one of the 12.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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1977-1978 AEB OFFICERS — From left, Bob Moore of Little Rock, second vice-president; Wes Smelley of Little Rock, first vice-president; Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock, president; J. D. Lewis of Forrest City, secretary; and Alvin Reap of Little Rock, treasurer.

Largest Number of Guests Ever Expected For Visiting District Governor's Day

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is again preparing for its largest activity of the year, the 17th annual Visiting District Governors from Neighboring States Day, an occasion that will include a visit by Lions International President Joe McLoughlin.

The annual affair that now draws the largest contingent of Lions International's official family, outside an international convention, will be held August 27 at AEB. Headquarter hotel will be the Sam Peck Hotel.

Highlights of the one-day event will be tours of the rehabilitation center, showing the center's film, "Happiness Is State Of Mind," a historical summary of AEB, an address by a trainee, and a presidential address by President McLoughlin.

The visitors, which includes district governors, international directors, past district governors, past international directors and several past international presidents and their wives, will have dinner at AEB and a breakfast on Sunday morning, sponsored by the Westinghouse Lamp Division.

The annual gathering, first held in 1961, is expected to attract more than 200 out-of-state Lions, plus at least 125 Arkansas Lions. This could be AEB's largest VDGD in the 17 years it's been held.

While the District Governors Day is actually only one day, events really cover the entire weekend. Most of the International Family arrives on Friday. The DG's and the remaining guests are expected Saturday morning for the majority of the activities. On Sunday the 31st, Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Forum will be held.

In addition to President McLoughlin, Lions International First Vice-President Ralph Lyman of Michigan will also attend. Mr. Lyman was Arkansas Lions' guest during the 1977 State Convention in Jonesboro.

District governors from Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri have been invited and most are expected to attend. Also invited are past international directors, and past district governors. It's also expected that several past presidents, including Arkansas' Ed Barry Sr., will attend.

This will be AEB and the Arkansas Lions' first official opportunity to display the Dr. James M. Fowler Building. The latest addition to the campus was under construction during the DG's last visit to AEB.

Anthel Marlin, AEB president, will host this year's event. General chairman is Dr. James M. Fowler, and co-chairmen are Ed Barry Sr., M. C. Lewis and Herman West.

Walthall Named Sight Chairman

Norris Walthall of North Little Rock is the new chairman of the Arkansas Lions Clubs' Sight Conservation Committee, the group that oversees the Lions work with the blind and visually impaired, and provides guidance for the club's sight conservation work.

Other officers for the statewide committee are Harold Riggs of North Little Rock, vice-chairman; Earl M. Cherry of Cabot, secretary; and Orval Bair of Horseshoe Bend, treasurer.

Walthall has just completed serving as District Governor of Arkansas Lions District 7-S and secretary of the Sight Conservation Committee. He is a member of the North Little Rock Lions.

Riggs is past president of the North Little Rock Lions, Cherry is the current District Governor for District 7-N, and Bair is past governor of District 7-0.

The Committee is responsible for suggesting and raising quotas for each of the state's 200 Lions clubs to support the Lions' two state projects, the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, and the Eye and Kidney Bank.

The 31st Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Forum will be held at AEB on August 28. Discussion during the Forum will focus on the two primary fund raising events — White Can sticker sale now scheduled October 3-8, and the spring light bulb sale.

AAWB's Shotwell Award Presented Posthumously

Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, whose May 4 death was reported in last month's **New Life**, had previously been nominated and selected as the 1977 recipient of the American Association of Workers for the Blind's Ambrose M. Shotwell Memorial Award.

The prestigious award was made posthumously during the AAWB's national convention in Portland, Ore., July 19. The award is given each biennial to the professional worker in the field of blindness who has been an outstanding contributor to his profession.

Previous winners include AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe in 1975, and Louis Rives Jr. of Little Rock.

Roy Kumpe Will Retire January 18, 1978, Almost 40 Years AEB's Executive Director

Roy Kumpe, executive director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind since its inception in 1939, will retire from that position January 18, 1978.

Kumpe, legally blind since childhood, was the founder of AEB. Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock, president of AEB, said that Kumpe's retirement had been accepted by the Board of Directors with great regret.

A search team, composed of members of the board's personnel committee, is expected to name a successor at a later date.

Kumpe helped organize AEB to aid in the establishing of vending stands in federal buildings to be operated by the blind. In 1947, he was instrumental in the formation of the AEB Rehabilitation Center to provide personal adjustment, pre-vocational and vocational training for the blind.

Lions Are Involved

Through his work with the Little Rock Lions Club's Sight Conservation Committee, AEB was adopted by the Lions Clubs of Arkansas as a state project.

Kumpe's leadership has led AEB to become the world's largest private rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired. AEB is recognized as a leader in work with the blind and has received many national and international awards through the years.

Since admitting its first trainee on March 1, 1947, AEB has served almost 4,000 individuals from all 50 states and 35 other countries. The physical plant, located at 2811 Fair Park, is valued at $2.5 million. This includes six modern buildings and property on adjacent blocks.

During his almost 40 years of work with the blind, Kumpe has been in the forefront to improve conditions for the blind. He has worked to have standards established to insure proper training, he has been innovative in determining new vocational programs and has opened many new employment fields to the blind.

Cites Teamwork

"It has all happened because of teamwork," Kumpe says. He credits close cooperation with the state agencies serving the blind, the federal programs and the Lions.

Kumpe will continue to serve as president of the International Services for the Blind, an affiliate of AEB. He was elected to this position in April of this year.

He is a graduate of the Arkansas School for the Blind, attended Little Rock Junior College and graduated from the Arkansas Law School. He became a licensed attorney in 1938. In 1973, the University of Arkansas awarded him an honorary doctorate of law degree.

It was while serving as president of the Alumni Association of the School for the Blind that Kumpe saw the opportunity of providing the blind with better employment opportunities through the Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936.

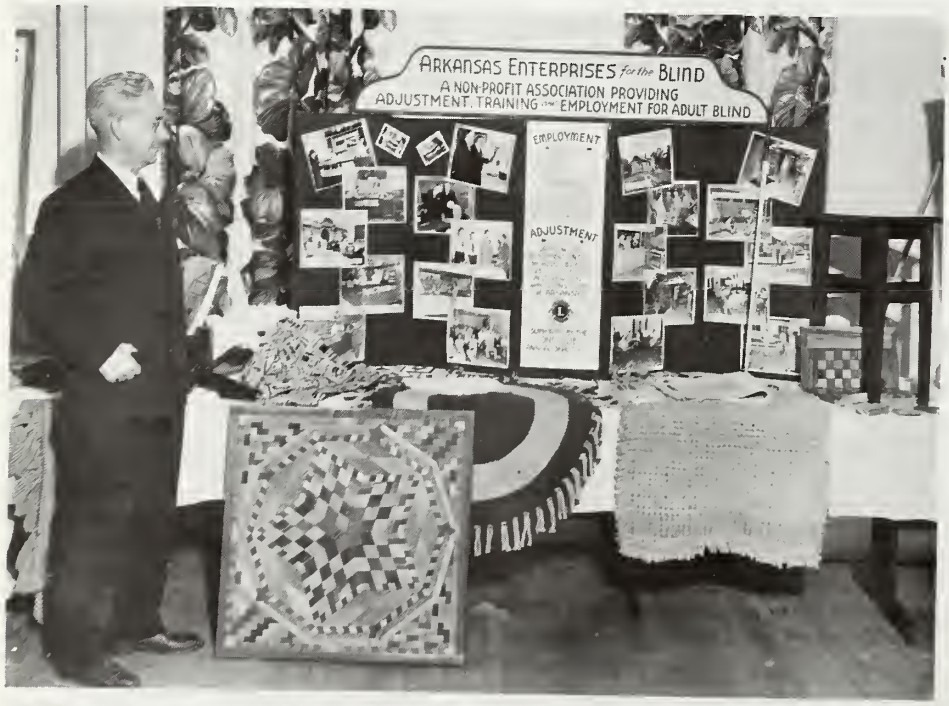
The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind was incorporated in August, 1939, as a means of locating sites and arranging for financing of vending stands in Federal buildings as provided by the Randolph-Sheppard Act. Kumpe, and AEB, turned to civic clubs and individuals for assistance. Many of the early stands were sponsored by Lions Clubs.

During the early years of this program, it became evident to Kumpe and others that the blind individuals operating the stands weren't adjusted to their blindness. Additional adjustment, pre-vocational and vocational skills was needed if they were to succeed as businessmen.

Resulting from these observations was the AEB Rehabilitation Center. Doors for this comprehensive rehabilitation facility were opened on March 1, 1947, with two multi-handicapped trainees. Because Arkansas alone couldn't support the center envisioned by Kumpe, other states were encouraged to send their blind citizens to Little Rock.

Lions Finance First

First financing for the new rehabilitation center came from the Little Rock Lions Club. Kumpe asked the Sight Conservation Committee for help and they responded by taking the proposal of making AEB a state Lions project to the 1946 convention in Hot Springs. When the proposal was adopted, the Little Rock Lions Club



ROY KUMPE, photographed in the '50's with a display that describes the services provided by the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Also on the table are items made by blind trainees at the rehabilitation center.

raised the first $10,000 to lease, staff and operate a building.

Kumpe was a member of the Little Rock City Council, 1943-48, and a member of the Little Rock Planning Commission, 1943-55. He was the first chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, 1947-48, has been a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped since 1949, and is currently a member of the Advisory Committee for the state Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Others Recognize His Work

He has been awarded the most prestigious awards given by agencies and organizations serving the blind and visually impaired. In 1970 he received the Migel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind; in 1975 he received the Shotwell Award from the American Association of Workers for the Blind; 1962 received the Citation of Merit from the National Rehabilitation Association; 1976 he received the Founders Award from Dialogue, a nationally-produced magazine for the blind; the Meritorious Service Award from the Southwest Region of the National Rehabilitation Association, and the American Council of the Blind's Ambassador Award.

As a Lion, Kumpe has received the Ambassador of Goodwill and the President's Citation, both from Lions International, and served as District Governor of Arkansas' District 7-S. In 1967 he was selected Little Rock Junior College Alumnus of the Year and in 1969 was voted "Little Rockian of the Year" by Arkansas Democrat readers.

For 40 years Kumpe has been an organizer of organizations and services for the blind. He organized the first statewide Lions Club Sight Conservation Committee, 1947, organized the International Services for the Blind, an affiliate of AEB, in 1971, was charter president, National Council of Rehabilitation Centers for the Blind in 1972, and was charter president of the Park Plaza Lions Club in Little Rock, 1958-59.

The Southwest Region of the American Association of Workers for the Blind annually awards the Roy Kumpe Award to the outstanding individual in service and work for the blind, and the Roy Kumpe Scholarships are given each year to the Outstanding College Prep student.

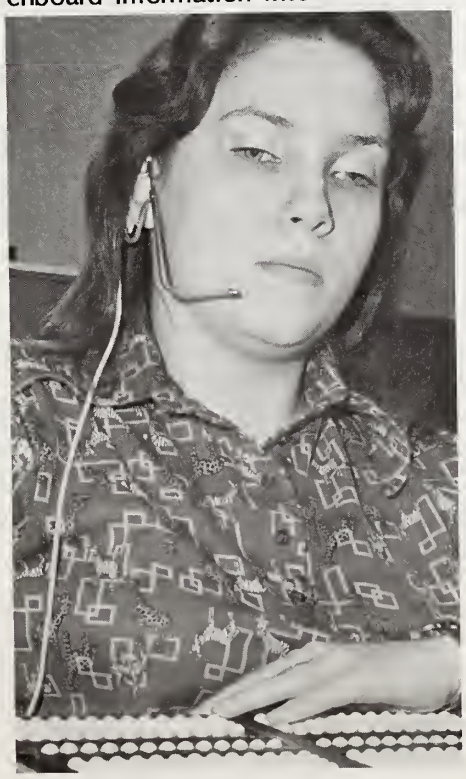
Ann McDaniel Opening Doors For Other Blind Workers

Ann McDaniel is happy with her work at Southwestern Bell Telephone, but, she told a reporter, "I hope I do well enough so they will hire other people."

The other people Ann is concerned about are the blind, just like herself. A former AEB College Prep student and then later vocational trainee, Ann's work at the Little Rock center for Bell's long distance operators has drawn raves from her supervisors, company officials and her fellow workers.

A Louisiana native who now calls Little Rock home, Ann began her work with the telephone company in early 1976 as a switchboard operator in the company's main office. Her training for this position was received at AEB.

While Ann was performing her duties, AEB, the Massachusetts Institute for Technology and Southwestern Bell engineers, were working on equipment that would enable Ann to perform the Traffic Service Position System. The equipment, paid for by AEB through a five-year grant, cost $50,000. It's the size of a two-drawer file cabinet and translates the switchboard information into Braille.



ANN McDANIEL
. . . at work

When the equipment arrived and was installed at the telephone company facility on 65th street, George Dalyrmple of MIT and Don Puska, AEB technology specialist, stayed with the equipment until it was working correctly. Ann then underwent a scheduled six-week training program that she finished in four weeks.

On June 6, 1977, she "went to work" as the nation's first blind long distance operator.

Aside from being nervous her first day on the job, Ann fits into Southwestern Bell's program nicely. She is courteous, friendly, and helpful, but always business. Unless Ann was to tell the caller she was blind, they would never know.

What Ann has done is open thousands of jobs for the blind. Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, says the rehabilitation center is committed to purchase another computer. The techniques and skills acquired through this program will lead to other advancements in opening jobs for the blind.

The federal grant, worth $293,000 during its five-year run, was designed to pinpoint jobs as information expediters for the blind. The equipment developed for use by Ann McDaniel can be modified to meet those needs of another blind employee in another job.

That's why Ann hopes to do well for others.

State First Again

While Ann McDaniel was the first blind "long-distance" operator, she wasn't the first blind operator.

According to the **Progress**, the Paris, Arkansas, newpaper, Paris can claim one of its early citizens, Miss Cordie Richardson, as the first blind telephone operator.

The newspaper reports she was an operator for the Paris telephone system in the early 1900's. Local residents report she worked for approximately 20 years.

Scrinopskie Explains

Your Will Can Help Others!

"Too many people forget those who have helped them throughout their life, but not me."

Those are the words of Isador Scrinopskie as he explained the many bequests that are written in his will. "Friends, hospitals, and family have been good to me. I just wanted to show my appreciation."

A Lion for 32 years, Lion Isador Scrinopskie has listed AEB in his will for $5,000, plus he has pledged $1,000 to the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign in honor of the building's dedication.

Why make public his bequest?

"My goal as a young man in Kansas," he recalls, "was to be worth a million dollars, but I never made it. However, there were many people who helped me so I feel I should help others."

ISADOR SCRINOPSKIE

Ten public and private agencies share a trust that will expire in the Spring, 1980. AEB is included in this trust. Thirty-nine other agencies are included in the second trust. This doesn't take into account the friends and relatives Mr. Scrinopskie names in his will.

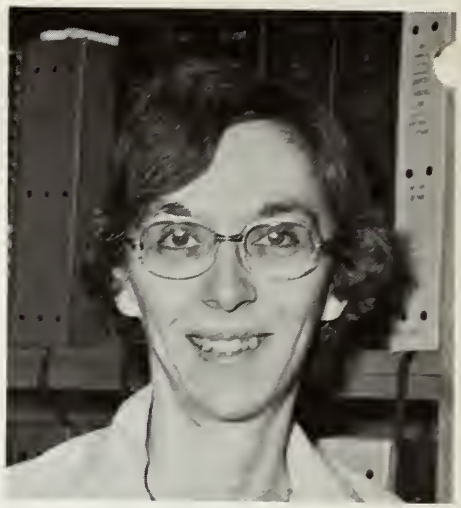
Another reason he says he wants to make his will public is to give others the idea about leaving something to others.

In addition to preparing his will, Mr. Scrinopskie has gone a step farther and purchased two life insurance policies to take care of the estate taxes. This way, he points out, no one will receive less money than I intended them to have.

Scrinopskie, who came to North Little Rock in 1939, is a retired Little Rock and North Little Rock businessman. He currently lives in retirement in Little Rock.

Now 85, the North Little Rock Lions Club honored him with a birthday party on his 84th birthday on April 8, 1976.

"My work is already done," he says, "but what I leave behind can carry on the projects I support."



MARY BLEVINS

Meet The Staff

Mary Blevins of Little Rock has worked at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind since 1966. She joined the rehabilitation center's staff as a secretary and now has the additional duties of librarian.

Mary considers herself a native of Little Rock even though she was six when she moved here. She graduated from Little Rock Central and attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for three years majoring in speech.

Prior to coming to AEB she worked at Baptist Hospital for five years and two years at Safeway before joining AEB.

She lives with her mother, is a member of the First Baptist Church and lists reading, needle point and bowling as her hobbies.

Where They Are Now

Mary Alexander (AEB'66) of Chattanooga, Tenn., recently received her 10-year service pin from the Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. She started at the hospital one week after leaving AEB. Ms. Alexander is a secretary in the Electroencephalography department.

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Peggy Martinez (AEB'71) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was recently promoted at Mountain Bell, the sister telephone service to our Southwestern Bell in New Mexico. She is now a switchboard operator in the company's main office. She recently received a bracelet for five years service and a certificate for one year perfect attendance.

Another former AEB'er has received a promotion. Gary Taylor (TSR'69) of Dallas, Texas, was recently promoted to Taxpayer Service Specialist in the Dallas regional office.

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A story about the Oklahoma City Association of Blind Bowlers in the Oklahoma City **Times** featured several former AEB trainees. Benny Meier (AEB'66) was pictured and quoted in the article several times. Pat (Moore) Merriman (AEB'65) of Oklahoma City was also quoted in the story. Benny and Angela Meier of Oklahoma City mailed the story to AEB. Benny will complete 10 years with the Veterans Administration in January and Angela is working at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Maragaret Harris (College Prep '76) of Mooringsport, La., reports finishing her first semester of college with a 3.667 average. Maragaret finished her College Prep training, then returned for two months additional training before entering college.

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Dale Wolthoff of Chicago, (TSR'70) was recently named the Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year, 1977, for the Chicago area. There are more than 80,000 eligible federal employees in the area. Dale has been a Taxpayer Service Specialist since 1975. He plans to marry Miss Patricia Giles of Chicago, a blind receptionist for the Federal Drug Administration, on August 27.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Park Plaza Lions of Little Rock held their 3rd annual carport sale in early June and reported earning more than $700 for the day's efforts.

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The Russellville Noon Lions held a different type of sale — a radio auction — with excellent results. The club raised $1,715 with their auction.

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Arkansas' Lieutenant Governor Joe Purcell, a Benton Lion for more than 25 years and a member of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's board of directors, has made two appearances in recent weeks before Lions Clubs on behalf of the rehabilitation center. Mr. Purcell spoke to the Cabot Lions and the South Hot Springs Lion.

Eleven Potential IRS Employees Launch AEB's 29th TSR Class

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind opened its 29th Taxpayer Service Representative training program on July 6 with 11 persons from ten states enrolled in the five-month course.

This is the rehabilitation center's second class of this year. An earlier class, February through June, graduated ten TSR's. The current class will complete its training in November.

Through 28 classes, AEB has graduated 180 blind or visually impaired workers for the Internal Revenue Service's 58 regional offices throughout the United States.

The new class will receive training that will prepare them to answer questions concerning income tax laws. The training not only teaches the tax code, but telephone courtesy, Braille, typing, math and similar skills.

Members of the new class and their home town are Nancy Byers of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tom Cottrell of Salem, North Dakota; Ted Gronich of New York, N.Y.; Frank Barata of El Cerrito, Calif.; Gregory Boss of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Craig Bosworth of Pascagoula, Miss.; Gayle Brunt of Milwaukee, Wis.; Philip Lamb of Macon, Gal.; Tony Maese of El Paso, Tex.; Gary Reid of Shreveport, La.; and Joe Smith of Buffalo. N.Y.

Alumni Newsletter Now A Possibility

AEB is preparing for a new newsletter, this one designed solely for former trainees.

An alumni newsletter has been considered for some time but two problems arose. One, there wasn't anyone to prepare the material, and second, there wasn't any way to mass produce cassette tapes.

Both roadblocks have been eliminated.

Several former trainees have volunteered to collect news about other former trainees and forward the news to AEB. The rehabilitation center now has a cassette duplicator that allows rapid copying of tapes.

Tentative plans call for an edition to be prepared in the near future and mailed to as many alumni as AEB has current addresses. Those receiving a tape are requested to listen, share the tape with other former trainees and then return the tape to AEB.

If you would like to insure that you are included in the first mailing, send your name and address to AEB.

College Prep Summer Program Underway With 12 From Louisiana and Arkansas

Twelve recent high school graduates from Louisiana and Arkansas are currently enrolled in the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's 17th College Prep program.

Work in the nine-week program began June 13 and is expected to be completed by mid-August. Dr. John Lammer of Conway, an associate professor of English at the University of Central Arkansas, is serving as academic instructor for the third year. Jim Cordell, AEB's assistant executive director, is program coordinator.

The program is conducted by AEB staff members with Dr. Lammer handling the academic instruction. He has arranged for the students to participate in two summer classes at the University of Central Arkansas.

Students enrolled in the class and their home town are Donnie Andrews of Farmerville, La.; Donna Stein of Convent, La.; Donald Porter of Baton Rouge, La.; Ernest Simmons of Plaquemine, La.; Donald Durning of Metairie, La.; Michael Holder of Singer, La.;

Rhonda Lee of Kenner, La.; Michael Lockett of Jeanerette, La.; James Taylor of New Orleans; Gary Clarkson of Jennings, La.; Kent LaBouve of Lake Charles, La.; and Doug Davidson of Little Rock.

AEB's First TSR Instructor Dies

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's first Taxpayer Service Representative instructor, Mrs. Ethel Gotcher Estes, of Little Rock, died July 18 at age 81.

Mrs. Estes began with the program in 1967 and helped train more than 15 trainees for the Internal Revenue Service. She retired in 1969 due to ill health.

Prior to her retirement, she taught in the Little Rock schools, Draughon School of Business and AEB. She was educated at Mississippi State College and received her master's degree from the University of Arkansas.

ARKANSAS LIONS

Dates To Remember

August 27	Visiting District Governors Day, AEB
August 28	Arkansas Lions Conservation Forum
September 11	District S Conference, Little Rock
September 18	District N Conference, Forrest City
September 25	District O Conference, Highland
October 9	District I Conference, Harrison
October 16	District L Conference, Hot Springs
January 28-29	Mid-Winter Conference, Jacksonville
April 14-16	Arkansas State Convention, Pine Bluff
June 21-24	International Convention, Tokyo, Japan

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Mrs. Vernie Burns by Mrs. Evelyn B. Myers
Mrs. Dorothy G. Jackson Kendrick by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilkinson, Mrs. Leo J. Byrne
Joel Wade by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reap, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Douglass
J. W. Black by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duncan
H. Budlong by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duncan
Doug Bowen by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reap
PID Clyde Martyn by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Dr. D. E. Newberry by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Vernon Troxler by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Norris M. Walthall
Ernest E. Christy by A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Mrs. Bessie Cobb by Gurdon Lions Club
John M. Stevens, Jr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Jennings H. Mize by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
Z. T. Stone by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pritchard, Mrs. M. P. Grizzard, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Poteet
Mrs. A. J. Sheider by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hefner
Mrs. Ella McLaren by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle
A. M. Bowles by Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Thomas
Edward Meyers by Gene Minor and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry H. Markham
Richard Hughes by H. Mindel Self
John Peters by Ben Rice
Russell Shirley by the IRS Secretaries
Thomas E. Adkins by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shepard, Norris M. Walthall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Scott, Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Charley G. Dietz, Dr. and Mrs. Marvin F. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Copeland, Jr., Mrs. Kathryn Custer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Shelton
John Palmer by Cherokee Village Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kirby
Theron Waller by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knauts
Mrs. Merle Shipman by Raymond A. Isenman
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Sam Dameron by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
Ira L. Edward by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice
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Roy Flippo by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tate
James W. Smelley by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mrs. Ruby Stone, Mrs. W. Payton Kolb
Ralph Murphy by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duncan
Miss Madeline Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Overton
Mrs. E. C. Reed by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Snyder
Father of Jay Curtis by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry H. Markham
Thomas H. Oliver by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
Mrs. Martha Eugenia Brumett by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson
Pete Delesandri by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bang
Ms. Katherine Yow by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wangenstein
Robert Inman by Mrs. Dorothy Whitacre
Harvey L. Sutherland by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Chester A. Hensley by the Family of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Glover
Dwight Giblin by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Lori Lee Farmer by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schollmier and Sons
Mrs. A. B. Weir by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Washburn
James Weatherford by Paul Harris
Miss Blanche Bowen by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. A. S. Koenig, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jacks
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Broussard by Vernon J. Broussard
Mrs. Eleanor Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton
Howard B. Chambless, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Durward Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton
Harold Conrad by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Bob Green by Robert Moore
R. C. Willis by O. W. Long
Mrs. Glenn Hairston by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard
Luther Elder by O. W. Long
Margaret Ferguson by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Stan Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Dorothy Walker by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
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John Bridger by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson
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AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of July 26, 1977)

Arkansas Lions Club	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	$ 64,408.99	$ 47,475.65
District I	15,315.91	12,925.25
District O	32,422.49	26,843.49
District N	18,351.87	14,933.87
District S	97,671.21	79,590.27
Other pledges (out of state Lions, staff and other friends)	64,815.00	59,722.00
Interest on deposits		8,626.00
TOTAL	$292,985.47	$250,116.53

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An Editorial

Once again, it's Wilson!

The Wilson Lions have repeated as the club contributing the largest amount per member to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Last year they gave $40 per member, this year it's $46 per member.

The East Camden Lions contributed $40 for one, tying Wilson's winning figure for last year, and the North Little Rock Lions came in third with $35 for one. The others will be listed below.

Bently Rhodes, Wilson's treasurer, disclaims the club has a magic formula. "We just work hard." No one can deny the 22-man club works hard. Here's some of the fund raising projects they conduct.

Rhodes says the club's best fund raising effort is the Wilson Horse Show that brings in approximately $2,000. He lists birthday calendars and fruit cakes as good money makers.

Another event is the amateur musical contest. "Winners from the contest are automatically entered in the Memphis Talent Show held each fall."

Other clubs contributing $10 per member or more to AEB in 1977 (listed by districts) were:

DISTRICT L

10 for 1
Ashdown
Camden
Camden Evening
Hot Springs Downtown
Hot Springs Mid-America
Hot Springs Oaklawn
Mena
Texarkana

10 for 1
Atkins
Berryville
Farmington
Ft. Smith Noon
Ft. Smith Southside
Gentry

10 for 1
Blytheville
Blytheville Evening
Cherokee Village
Corning
Jonesboro
Lepanto
Mammoth Springs
Manila
Murfreesboro

15 for 1
Arkadelphia
Hope
Jones Mill

20 for 1
Arkadelphia Evening
Benton

DISTRICT I

Harrison
Ozark
Perryville
Rogers
Russellville Evening
Siloam Springs
Springdale

DISTRICT O

Marked Tree
Monette
Newport
Osceola
Piggott
Strawberry
Walnut Ridge
Weiner
Westside
DeQueen
Magnolia
Malvern
Mineral Springs

25 for 1
Hot Springs South

40 for 1
East Camden

15 for 1
Fayetteville
Fayetteville Evening
Ft. Smith Evening

20 for 1
Morrilton
Russellville

15 for 1
Batesville
Paragould

25 for 1
Mountain Home

46 for 1
Wilson

DISTRICT N

10 for 1
Brinkley
DeValls Bluff
Greers Ferry
Helena
Horseshoe Lake
Hughes
Kensett
Lonoke
Quitman
Searcy
W. Helena Evening
Wynne
Des Arc

15 for 1
Clinton
DeWitt
Forrest City
Stuttgart
West Helena

DISTRICT S

10 for 1
Conway
Conway Evening
Dermott
El Dorado
Grady
Jacksonville Noon
Pulaski Heights
Smackover
Warren
Redfield-Jefferson

15 for 1
Jacksonville
Monticello

20 for 1
Altheimer
Founders (LR)
LR Oak Forest
LR Park Plaza
No. LR Park Hill
Pine Bluff Evening
Watson Chapel
Whitehall

25 for 1
LR Forest Heights
LR Southwest
North Hills

35 for 1
No. Little Rock

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Three of those on AEB's Visiting District Governors Day program were (from left) Bill Chandler from Montgomery, Ala., Lions International Third Vice-President; Carlos Mazo of Panama City, Panama, an international trainee at AEB; and Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler of Little Rock, past International Director.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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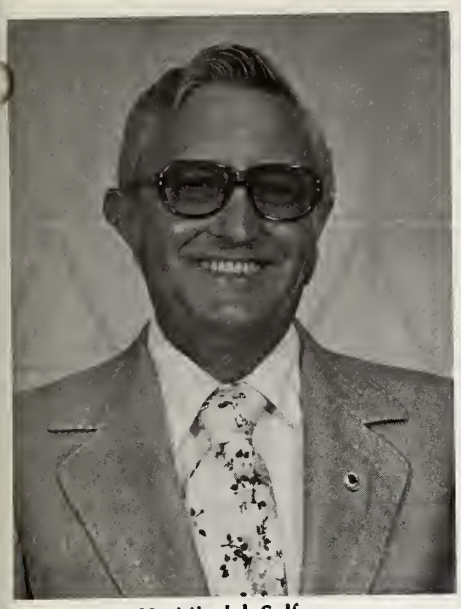

H. Mindel Self

H. Mindel Self Dies August 11

H. Mindel Self, Arkansas Lions' state secretary for almost four years, died Aug. 11 of a heart attack. He was 51.

Self came to the Lions International Job Oct., 1973, following 13 years as chief clerk of the Federal Compress at Newport. He was an Air Force veteran and had also worked at the Pike County Bank at Murfreesboro.

A native of Murfreesboro, Self was a graduate of the local high school and attended Henderson State University prior to entering the military service. He was a World War II veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Self was a member of the South Highland Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Services were held at the Ruebel Funeral Home with Rev. Roy V. Cook, pastor of South Highland Baptist, officiating. Dr. Jim Fowler delivered an eulogy. Private graveside services were held at National Cemetery in Little Rock.

Pallbearers were Edward G. Barry Sr., Earl M. Cherry, Bill Crutchfield, J. E. Gauntt, James H. Gunter, J. D. Lewis, Jerry H. Markham and John Q. Sanders.

Prez Sez

AEB President Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock wishes to thank and express his appreciation to the Arkansas Lions, Lionesses and AEB staff members for their tremendous effort on Visiting District Governors Day.

Center's 17th VDGD was Largest Special Event Ever Held at AEB

For the 17th consecutive year the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind opened its doors to Visiting District Governors from eight states, including Arkansas, on Aug. 27, and welcomed the largest gathering it has ever experienced.

Arkansas Lions hosted 54 DG's, plus Lions International Third Vice-President Bill Chandler of Montgomery, Ala. Also present were International Directors Henry D. Wofford of Johnston, SC.; Ed Flood of Amarillo, Tex.; Austin Jennings of Woodbury, Tenn.; and John O. Gregory of Manassas, Va.

Rounding out the guest list that totaled almost 350 persons at AEB for dinner Saturday evening were a number of past International Directors, past District Governors, the AEB chairman from each of Tennessee's four districts, and of course, the Arkansas Lions.

Activities during the day included tours of the rehabilitation center, a trainee talent show, the showing of the "Happiness Is State Of Mind" film, introduction of guests, the history of AEB, viewpoints of both a professional worker for the blind and a blind trainee, a challenge, keynote address by Mr. Chandler and a response by AEB board member, PID Don Buckalew of Conroe, Tex.

Many of the visitors gathered again Sunday morning for a breakfast in the Holiday Inn-Downtown, sponsored by the Westinghouse Lamp Division and the International Services for the Blind.

Anthel Marlin, AEB president, presided over the entire event which is an AEB Board of Directors meeting in addition to being an open house for newly-elected district governors.

Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, gave the rehabilitation center's history and called on Vernon Broussard, administrator, Blind Services Program, Louisiana, to present the professional workers view of the AEB. Carlos Mazo of Panama City, Panama, spoke for the trainees.

Kumpe and AEB also recognized Broussard for his service as chairman of the Service Advisory Committee with a certificate of appreciation.

PID Dr. Jim Fowler, past AEB president and chairman of the event, issued the challenge to the visitors. Prior to his speaking, Dr. Fowler presented Arkansas State Senator Max Howell of Jacksonville a certificate in appreciation for his assistance in securing matching funds from the Arkansas General Assembly for the Million Dollar Expansion Program.

Following the evening meal, Bill Chandler spoke. He immediately won the Arkansas Lions by quoting a poem used by new Arkansas head football coach Lou Holtz. He kept their attention by describing AEB as an "opportunity and a challenge."

Recalling Helen Keller's words of 1925 for the blind's request for "opportunity, not charity," the International Third Vice-President said, "What we have seen today, I hope, will make the District Governors who are present, dig deeper into their hearts to understand what can be done for the blind."

Board member Buckalew thanked Mr. Chandler for his words.

DONNA MILTON of Rock Hill, South Carolina, demonstrates for International Director and Mrs. Henry Wofford of Johnston, South Carolina, the use of the tape recorder in Adult Basic Education during AEB's Visiting District Governors Day.

Arkansas Lions Spend $142,000 On Sight Work

Arkansas Lions Clubs, according to those reporting, spent slightly in excess of $142,000 on sight conservation work this past year.

This figure includes contributions to AEB, EKB and Mid-South Lions Sight Services, plus glasses purchased and eye examination given. The cost also covers a number of other activities conducted by individual clubs.

There were 109 of Arkansas' 196 clubs who filed reports with the Sight Conservation Committee prior to the Aug. 28 Sight Conservation Forum. From those reports the winners of the district contest for sight conservation work were chosen.

Winners (in numerical order) were: L-Hot Springs Oaklawn, Hot Springs South and Benton; I-Russellville Evening, Russellville Noon and Fort Smith Evening; O-Lepanto, Salem and Mountain Home; N-West Helena, Forrest City and Clinton; S-North Little Rock Park Hill, Monticello and Pine Bluff Evening.

Recapping totals, Arkansas Lions, again according to only those reporting, were responsible for 4,863 eye examintions at a cost of $9,005; and purchased 946 pairs of glasses at a cost of $35,983. There were 23 remedial care or operations and 32 white canes purchased. Forty-seven clubs reported White Cane Day activities that raised $21,408.

Billie Elder Receives AAWB Group Award

Mrs. Billie Elder, senior instructor of educational services at AEB, received the Bruce McKenzie Award from the American Association of Workers for the Blind at the group's national conference in Portland, Ore.

The Association, made up of professional workers in the field of blindness, recognized Mrs. Elder for her "outstanding contribution to the field of rehabilitation teaching."

A school teacher before losing her sight, Mrs. Elder entered the rehabilitation teaching field in 1964 following her personal adjustment training to blindness at AEB.

SCC OFFICERS — Officers for the 1977-78 Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee are, from left, Orval Bair of Horseshoe Bend, treasurer; Norris Walthall of North Little Rock, chairman; Earl M. Cherry of Cabot; secretary; and Harold Riggs of North Little Rock, [not pictured] vice-chairman.

31st Sight Conservation Forum Selects Directory As Means Of Informing Lions

Arkansas Lions attending the 31st Sight Conservation Forum decided not enough information was available for clubs to conduct comprehensive sight conservation programs and suggested the situation might be improved through a directory of services.

These questions were raised during the state agency personnel panel discussing resources available to the club's from those agencies. Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, reminded the gathered Lions that AEB had always served as a clearing house for this information for those club's requesting the service. He stated the rehabilitation center would assist in the preparation of a directory. Although a voice vote was not taken, the general understanding was that no one opposed the publishing of such a pamphlet.

The directory would contain where Lions clubs could look for regulations governoring Medicaid services, social security information, optometrists participating in their Association's program of eye care assistance for certain citizens, consumer information, information on blind programs from state agencies, and assistance available from AEB and the Eye and Kidney Bank.

Members of the panel were J. M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind; Mrs. Virginia Chandler, Arkansas Department of Health; Mrs. Mary Ann Tomlin, Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Roy Kumpe, speaking for the Arkansas Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired after the scheduled speaker, Mrs. Cleota Mullens, had to cancel.

Sight Conservation Chairman Norris Walthall of North Little Rock opened the 31st Forum and conducted the first half of the business session. Vice-chairman and White Cane Chairman Harold Riggs took over for the afternoon program.

Dealing with Arkansas Lions activities during the afternoon, the speakers were Anthel Marlin, president of AEB; Joe Poe, chairman of EKB; Bob Shepard, ISB light bulb sale; Dr. Steve Stephens of Memphis, White Cane sales techniques; Jim Davis, White Cane publicity; and the Arkansas District Governors discussing outstanding or unusual fund raising events in their districts.

Two certificates were presented, one a certificate honoring Roy Kumpe for his 30 years of service to AEB and his organizing the first Arkansas State Sight Conservation Committee — Kumpe retires as AEB executive director on Jan. 18, 1978 — and the other was a posthumous recognization for Lion James Caldwell's work as sight conservation chairman for the Cherokee Village Lions.

Earlier, the Arkansas Sight Conservation Committee voted to continue sponsoring the Edward G. Barry Sr. Award for sight conservation work for either an Arkansas Lion or anyone else in the state making supreme contributions to sight conservation. The committee will select the recipient from nomination by Arkansas Lions Clubs prior to next year's Forum.

Couple Intern At AEB During Summer For Their Master's Degree

The summer has ended too soon for Aaron and June Hawkins of Springdale. They were doing what they liked best and everyone knows when that happens the hours and days just slip away.

While finishing up work on their master's degrees from the University of Arkansas they interned at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Now they are back at Springdale where Aaron is Arkansas' only blind teacher in public schools. He teaches social studies and June teaches psychology and American history.

These are new fields for them both.

Aaron was sales manager for an industrial supply company when he lost his sight in 1962. He tried his hand at farming in Scott County for four years. Next came college — after preparing for it through AEB's college prep program in 1966. Then came the job he has now.

June, a beautician by trade, entered college when Aaron did. Since he was going to need a reader, and she was the best available, it seemed natural she also enter school.

They chose Westark Community College in Fort Smith in 1966 and then finished at the University of Arkansas. They began their teaching career in 1971 in Springdale.

They are the parents of three children who have grown and left home, but that doesn't mean the Hawkin's home is empty. They have accepted a number of foster children. Harold Tucker, who is visually impaired, is currently living with the family and took part in some AEB training this summer. He attends the Arkansas School for the Blind.

Housing foster children is something they do because they want to share their home. They bear all the expense, accepting no financial aid from Social Services.

Aaron is becoming more involved with consumer affairs for the blind. He currently serves as president of the Arkansas Council for the Blind, a board member for the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf, and was responsible for establishing a radio reader service in Northwest Arkansas.

AFTERNOON CHAT — While the Hawkins [center of photo] were living on campus at AEB, they spent a great deal of time with trainees. Mary Bayer of Hamden, Conn., [left] and Russell Cygan of Madison, Wis., [right] chat with the Hawkins in the courtyard.

NEW DIRECTOR — New board member Milton L. Brummer and his wife were recent guests of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind for an afternoon orientation to the rehabilitation center. Lion Brummer, a member of the Hot Springs Village Lions, and Mrs. Brummer were given a demonstration of the white cane by Tilden Guidry, AEB acting orientation and mobility coordinator.

Where They Are Now

Robert Berry (AEB '70) of Little Rock was named Rehabilitant of the Year by the Arkansas Chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association at that association's June meeting in Hot Springs. Bob, who volunteers a great deal of time with AEB's radio club, is a social worker for the Little Rock Veteran Administration Hospital.

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Two former AEB trainees have been elected to national leadership roles in their organizations. Jerry Dunlap of Oklahoma City (AEB '53) is the president-elect of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Jerry, assistant director of Oklahoma Visual Services Program, won this post at the AAWB national meeting in Portland, Ore. Ralph Sanders of Baltimore, Md. (College Prep '65) formerly of Little Rock, was elected president of the National Federation of the Blind. He was elected during the group's national meeting in New Orleans. He is president of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.

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Mark T. Sawyer (AEB '75) of Lafayette, La., is a recent graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette.

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Marla (Knecht) Wilson, formerly of Enid, Okla., (AEB '74 and '75) is now employed at the information desk of Central Baptist Hospital as a switchboard operator for the Pulaski County Council on Aging. Marla, married to former AEB trainee Larry Wilson, has been on the job two months. AEB assisted in orienting her to the new job. Her boss, Bill Kennedy, administrative assistant for the Council, was a recent visitor to AEB and stated his willingness to hire other blind employees based on the excellent work Marla is doing. Marla trained for her job on AEB's switchboard.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Louisianians won all the honors, including the Roy Kumpe scholarships, from AEB's 17th College Prep program. From left, Kent LaBouve of Lake Charles won the Positive Mental Attitude award, given by the Serendipity Fund of Texarkana, Texas; Donna Stein of Convent was the Outstanding Female trainee; Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, made the award presentations; Rhonda Lee of Kenner was the Outstanding Trainee; and Mike Holder of Singer was the Outstanding Male trainee. Miss Lee won a $200 scholarship; Miss Stein and Holder won $150 scholarships; and LaBouve won a $25 award. Not pictured is Donnie Andrews of Farmersville, winner of a $100 scholarship presented by the Quasar Chapter of the Arkansas Council of the Blind.

OPTACON DEMONSTRATION — Mrs. Marion Biddle demonstrates the Optacon with help from Frank Barata of El Cerrito, Calif. [seated]. An unidentified youngster assisted Mrs. Biddle. This was part of the Visiting District Governors Day activities.

Optacon Assists Job Promotion For Smith

The optacon training that Dennis Smith received at AEB in November, 1975, is continuing to pay dividends for the Memphis resident.

One dividend was an increased proficiency as personnel coordinator in the catalog merchandising section of Sears' Memphis district.

Another dividend from the training is the opportunity to move into a training program for personnel manager in retail sales, a step that could one day lead to store management.

There's a six to nine month training program before the Nashville, Tenn. native, who has been totally blind for more than a dozen years, will move into the new position, but a recent two-week stint at the McCain Mall store in North Little Rock eliminated any doubt that Dennis could do the work.

"There's no doubt but that my optacon training was a contributing factor in my being able to make this move," Dennis says.

He revealed his new plans while visiting AEB and speaking to the trainees in general assembly as part of the College Prep program. He urged AEB's trainees to "adapt yourselves to fit into a sighted society."

That philosophy has been good for Dennis Smith.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Nashville, Ark. Lions were welcomed back on the job with an editorial in the Nashville **News**. In its welcoming remarks to the club that had been on stand-by status, the **News** recalled the many community improvements the club had been active in. The newspaper also praised the Lions for their sight conservation work that provided assistance for the Goodrum brothers of Nashville to overcome their blindness.

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Roy Kumpe, speaking before the West Shreveport, La. Lions and later before two of Shreveport's television stations, made a point that stuck with Don Rankin of Shreveport, an employee with the Louisiana Blind Services Program. In a letter to Kumpe, Mr. Rankin wrote, "you made an important point . . . that rehabilitation for the blind is a cooperative effort on the part of many people and disciplines. The longer I work in this field the more I realize that I personally only play a very small part . . ."

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Jonesboro area Lions who have been tossing coins into the fountain at that city's Pancho Mexican Restaurant and wishing for an easy way to raise Sight Conservation money got their wish. Each month the restaurant donates the coins to a local civic organization and the University Heights Lions received last month's proceeds from the fountain for their Sight Conservation projects. Jerry Cooper, the club's president, accepted the funds.

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The Leland (Miss.) Lions held a recent light bulb sale, using International Services for the Blind light bulbs, and netted $750 for the one night effort. The **Magnolia**, the Mississippi Lions state magazine, used a picture of their activity and prominently displayed were the ISB light bulbs. Thanks for the plug, fellows.

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Last month **New Life** listed by district the club's providing between $20 and $100 per member for AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. The Little Rock Southwest Lions Club was overlooked. They contributed, to date, $87.69 per member. Sorry we left you out.

BANQUET PARTICIPANTS — The three primary participants in the August trainee banquet were [from left] Philip Smith of the Bahamas, Arkansas Attorney General Bill Clinton and Roger Houghtaling of Davidson, Mich.

Bill Clinton, Arkansas' Attorney General calls AEB 'a beacon of hope' during August visit

Arkansas' Attorney General Bill Clinton was the August trainee banquet speaker and he said all the right things at all the right times.

He described AEB as "beacon of hope" for those needing an example, acknowledging everyone "deserved an opportunity to real employment," announced his office is attempting to hire a blind person, and he pledged that the handicapped would have an opportunity for help.

Mingling those comments with funny anecdotes about a blind college friend and repeatingly shrugging off mention of his running for another office, Clinton captured his audience. This was verified by the long ovation he received and by the large number of trainees who came forward to express their appreciation for his visit.

Mr. Clinton cited AEB as a "beacon of hope to those in our state who see other needs and want to do something about them. They know that they can follow AEB's example when establishing their program."

The Attorney General didn't stick with blindness but addressed his remarks to all handicapped. He named several good projects in Arkansas that are working toward the same goal as AEB — employment of the handicapped.

Mr. Clinton pointed out that everyone deserved a chance to learn and achieve, and afterwards they deserve an opportunity of employment and a chance to earn a living.

He announced his office's intention of hiring a blind person in the information expediter field, an area pioneered by AEB.

Waller On Educational Leave For Master Degree

Debbie Waller, AEB's coordinator of vocational services, will be working the next nine months on her master degree in vocational evaluation at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

Miss Waller will be specializing in vocational evaluation and work adjustment.

She left AEB on educational leave in August after spending three weeks at the school earlier in the summer participating in a vocational evaluation training program. She will be studying under a Rehabilitation Services Administration traineeship from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Miss Waller received her bachelors from Henderson State University.

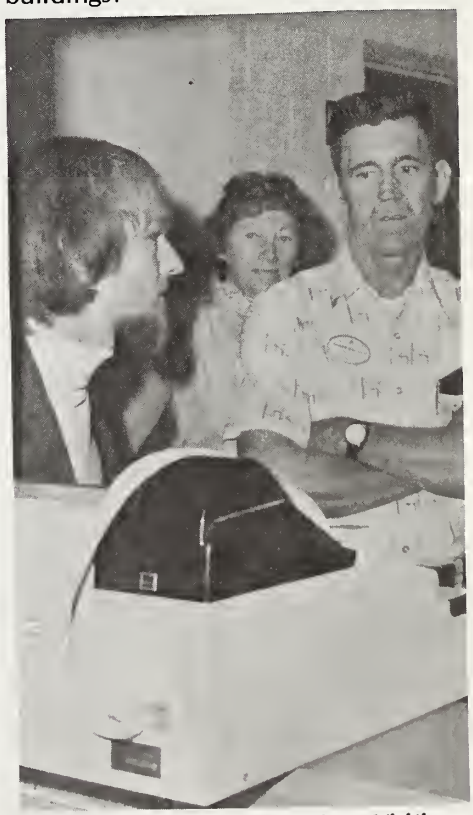
BEP Vendors Honor Coleman Dairy, Inc.

The Arkansas Association of Blind Enterprise Managers presented its Grantor of the Year Award to Coleman Dairy Inc., during a banquet for which Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, served as master of ceremonies.

The Business Enterprise Program selected the Little Rock-based dairy because of its strong support of the program and its policy of providing a rent-free location for a stand in its local plant.

Kumpe also took part in another part of the two-day meeting in Little Rock. He gave the history of the Business Enterprise Program during the opening session. AEB was organized in 1939 with the goal of identifying vending stand sites and helping locate financial assistance for the blind operator.

Now operated by the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the BEP now administers a program that employs 117 blind persons in 97 food facilities in public and private buildings.



CASH REGISTER — During Visiting District Governors Day at AEB, Missouri District Governor Bernard Woodridge listens as Charles Armstrong of Port Huron, Mich., describes the cash register.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Charles William Kirby by Forest Highlands Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Neville, Dr. Lamar McMillin, Ms. Violet Corder, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shepard, Ms. Jonilee Plummer, Maurice Carter, Mrs. Nora B. Rea, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Ms. Middie M. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Kolb, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holiman, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Ms. Sarah A. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pumphrey, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newth, Charlie Horton. O. Herbert Wright, Ms. Edith B. Robken, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kimmel, William Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gamble, Tom Kirby Family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rea

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Peck McMillan by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wood

Mrs. Audrey Ketchum by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Willman

Mr. Rhoades by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Willman

Mrs. Lena Akins Smith by Miss Lila Lampkin

Mrs. Judy L. Lovelady by Dr. J. M. Fowler

R. A. Elliott by O. W. Long

Mrs. Sallie Cochran Brodie by Robert Sakon

Mrs. Margene Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Price

James W. Swaim by Mrs. John Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

Herman Trimble by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

A. G. Cartwright by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Willman

Harvey Sutherland by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Mrs. Ethel Estes by Mrs. Lavonne Little, Mrs. Virginia McWhorter, Mrs. Esther Wade, Mrs. Mary McClaren, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Eugene L. Crist, Sr. by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen

Allie Lingo by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

Edward S. Hahn by the Sievers Family, Conway Evening Lions Club

Mrs. B. F. Rickett by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kliewer, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Balentine, Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey, Albert Pais Family, Miss Debbie Waller, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodfellow, Oak Forest Lions Club

Mrs. King by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smelley

Mrs. Eugene Sloan by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smelley

Mrs. Elmer Stuck by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smelley

Gene Anderson by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smelley

Clarence Walker by Mrs. Charles Cohen

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Luther Grider by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Snyder

Mrs. Carolyn McBee by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Douglass

Mrs. Stella McAdams by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browne

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Thomas Kasper by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

Mrs. Margaret Sebastian by Miss Lila Lampkin

Mrs. Elise Vick Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell

Mrs. Ida Lee Lewis by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell

Mrs. Grace Grundman by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King

Russell Hurst by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Schnieder

Mrs. Estelle Allbright by Mrs. Charles W. Kirby

Bill Bradford by Miss Mildred Bradford

Rev. Milton McKnight by Forest Heights Lions Club

Bill Cupples by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duncan

J. W. Martin, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. L. J. McHan

Joe Lane by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rachel

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55th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Block by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Levy

Retirement of Ms. Geneva Freeman by Miss Lila Lampkin

Get Well for Mrs. Herman West by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin

Get Well for Herman West by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin

In Honor of Clarence Freeze by Monette Lions Club

Get Well for R. Dean Moore by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Self Memorials

These made memorials in memory of H. Mindel Self, Arkansas Lions State Secretary, who died August 11, 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Callis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Al W. Isenman Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall, Pulaski Heights Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Drebelbis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Womack, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Tyler, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Friedman, Hot Springs Village Lions, Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions, Max H. Womack, Park Hill Lions, Fayetteville, Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Barry Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. George Crumbley Jr.,

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King, Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Ratcliff, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sherrill, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson, Lewis Winkler, Carlisle Lions, Had Seeklander, Mrs. Davis M. Lacey, Conway Evening Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Nyle B. Oswalt, Benton Lions, Heber Springs Lions, Mr. and Mrs. John Perich Jr., Thomas B. Clark, Lyle Parks Jr., John H. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cannon, Murfreesboro Lions, Berryville Lions, G. H. White, Lions of Oklahoma, Odell Beck, Don A. Buckalew, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yates,

Russellville Evening Lions, Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank, President Joseph M. McLoughlin, Officers and Directors of Lions International, Tony Tesarek, W. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gauntt, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Mrs. Dottie Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Watson, a memorial was made for Jacob Ed Gauntt by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Balentine, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, R. H. "Bob" Shaddock, R. L. "Bob" Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sangalli, Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, Crossett Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair, Fordyce Lions, Russellville Lions, South Hot Springs Lions, Blytheville Noon Lions, DeQueen Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Anthel Marlin, Bryant Lions and the Wynne Lions.

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An Editorial

What's Next

It wasn't long after man invented the wheel that he put a cart on it and moved more goods than ever before. Another thinker came along and hitched up a draft animal for the heavy work. Next, man added a motor and developed the freeway system.

There's always been progress from the simplest beginning to the modern technology we experience today. We are less than three-quarters of a century from Kitty Hawk and are preparing a space shuttle that will haul people into space and back as easy as we cross the street.

Progress comes rapidly when it comes. Remember the first calculators a few years back. Before the merchants could sell the first generation, manufacturers were putting smaller, lighter, slimmer, more advanced units that sold for less than half the original price.

The same thing's true when we are thinking about the aids for the blind. They developed slowly over the years, but now they seem to be coming out of the woodwork.

Louis Braille developed the Braille alphabet for the blind in the early 1800's. He got the idea from a captain of artillery in the French Army. The officer explained how the Army sent messages at night when light would reveal their position. He explained how they would use a series of raised dots in code.

From this conversation Braille got the idea of employing the same principle for a system the blind could use to read and write. Using a leather awl, he produced the alphabet for the first time. Ironically, it was an awl that blinded Louis Braille in one eye as a child. (He eventually lost the sight in the other eye and was totally blind when he invented the Braille alphabet.)

The leather awl was replaced by the stylus and today a slate holds the heavy brown paper used for Braille. Progress brought along the Brailler, an instrument comparable to the typewriter. AEB now has the LED-120, a terminal capable of embossing 120 characters per second when connected to a computer. How's that for fast?

The white cane, or long cane, is in use today as the primary mobility aid for the blind. However, we already have witnessed the coming of the Laser cane. One was demonstrated at AEB several years back. Even more modern, and perhaps scientific, is the Tactical-Vision Substitution device that Dr. Larry Scadden, director of the Smith-Kettlewell Institute of Visual Sciences and evaluator of the Kurzweil Reading Machine, demonstrated for **Newsweek** magazine approximately a year ago. Minicameras attached to eye-glass frames send images to sensors on the abdomen. These create sensory patterns on the skin that are dense for objects and less so for open space. Scadden reports this item is now being tested in New Zealand.

Perhaps the hottest thing going in aids for the blind is the introduction of synthetic speech. The past couple of years have witnessed remarkable advances in this area. Here's a couple of examples:

- Votrax. A speech producing instrument that's attached to a computer and sends out synthetic speech of the data that's stored in the computer. This allows the blind to retrieve information from computers on equal standing with the sighted.
- Speech Plus Calculator. A calculator that speaks each entry, speaks the commands it's given and then speaks the results of the problem. AEB and a number of trainees in the Taxpayer Service Representative program have this device.
- Talking Typewriter. A new item at the rehabiliation center, this

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Marion Madison (standing), AEB's speech pathologist, was trained at the Kurzweil Computer Company, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., in the operation and teaching methods of the Kurzweil Reading Machine. On the cover she is helping Ronnie Lynch of North Little Rock, Ark., to use the machine. AEB will evaluate and train 30 blind individuals on the machine during the coming year.

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AEB Selected To Evaluate Kurzweil Reading Machine For Twelve Months

It may be a science fiction phenomenon to some, but those who have been waiting years for the Kurzweil Reading Machine know it's for real.

For anyone not familiar with it, the Kurzweil Reader is a remarkable breakthrough for the blind. It can rapidly convert print into spoken English at the rate of 150 words per minute. The synthesized speech, which closely resembles the speech of a deaf and blind individual, can easily be understood after a little practice.

One of these remarkable machines, the ninth constructed by the Kurzweil Computer Products, Inc., is located at AEB. The rehabilitation center will be testing the reader over the next year for the San Francisco-based Smith-Kettlewell Institute of Visual Sciences. Dr. Larry Scadden, director of the Institute, wants 30 persons evaluated during the year.

Scadden, who's blind (and the subject of a **New Life** story in the August, 1976, issue), wants AEB to evaluate blind individuals from three groups. Groupings are ten personal adjustment trainees, ten vocational trainees and ten blind, employed persons from the community.

Employment Possibilities

What Scadden is looking for, among other things, is whether or not the reading machine "can further the employment of the blind."

Marion Madison, AEB speech pathologist, has taken a training course from the Kurzweil Company in Cambridge, Mass., and will be conducting the evaluation at AEB.

The machine located at AEB comes in four parts. There's the scanner section which has a clear glass cover over which the printed material is placed for scanning, a minicomputer that translates the printing, a control unit with 33 buttons that directs the machine, and a speaker.

Developer of the reader is Raymond Kurzweil Computer Company, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., in the operation at AEB is a prototype and costs approximately $50,000 to build. It's one of three being placed by the Smith-Kettlewell Center, who is working under a Rehabilitation Service Administration grant, and the only one in the South.

Mrs. Bernice Shapiro, a senior research associate with the Kurzweil Company, says the organization is working towards designing a reader the size of an attache case and costing a modest $5,000. She says the Kurzweil people are looking for early models to be placed in public location — libraries, universities and research centers — but later models will be individually owned.

How It Works

Here's how the reader works: Printed material is placed over the scanner. When activated, the scanner tracks the printed words and transmits an image to the minicomputer which in turn translates the image into letter identification, word formation and pronunciation. The synthesized speech is then broadcast by the speaker. Any adjustments in pitch, rate of speech or volume can be controlled by the instrument panel.

The machine gives instruction to the operator when there's something wrong. Command instruction reports if the material is placed crooked on the scanner, or if it's not flat on the glass, the machine will correct its mispronunciations of the word the second time around, or will spell a word that cannot be understood.

Material that a person is familiar with can be understood on the first reading, but unfamiliar material frequently requires additional readings.

40,000 Titles

With the Kurzweil reader, the blind now have access to the 40,000 new titles published each year. Currently, only about 350 are put into Braille by the Library of Congress.

Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, likes the versatility the machine gives the blind. "Now newspapers and other publications will be available to the blind," he points out, "where in the past only a very few publications were in Braille."

AEB was chosen as a testing location for the new machine by Smith-Kettlewell because of AEB's national reputation in the rehabilitation of the blind, according to Dr. Scadden.

With the arrival of the Kurzweil Reader, AEB currently has six major electronic aids available to its trainees. In addition to the reader, there's the

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LOOK'EE HERE — Mark Annis [left], a representative of the Kurzweil Computer Company, and Otto Turner and Marion Madison, both AEB staff members, take a close look at the Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Panamanian Gives AEB Credit For Building Him A New Life, New Goals

One has to wonder when Carlos Mazo was writing scripts for daytime radio serials, popularly called "soap operas," if he ever wrote anything as dramatic as his own experience with blindness.

Most likely, no! Who would have the imagination of writing a person into losing his sight and his job; yet accepting the loss with the determination of beginning a new career and the dedication of assisting other blind people.

Carlos Mazo

Carlos Mazo's real experience comes close to matching that description.

The Panama City, Panama, resident was general manager of Public Centro de Panama, a large advertising agency, when he became blind in May, 1975. Cause was retinal detachment following cataract surgery.

The road to rehabilitation began in Las Cumbres, Panama, home of the Panama Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. This is a rehabilitation center similar to AEB that's co-sponsored by the Lions of Panama and the Panamanian government. He credits Pablo Paz, a Lion since 1937, with a great deal of help, including first telling him of AEB.

The way to AEB was made easier by the International Services for the Blind. Upon the recommendation of Lion Paz, Carlos was awarded a scholarship to AEB. He entered personal adjustment training less than two years after losing his sight.

Carlos credits his five months at AEB as giving him a "new life," restoring his confidence, giving him new skills for living, and making a new person of him. "I am truly born again," he claims.

Carlos expressed his feeling for the Lions and AEB very eloquently on several occasions. Those opportunities include the Little Rock Founders Club, the Palestine Lions and the 300 or more guests during Visiting District Governors Day.

Now back in Panama, Carlos wants to open his own advertising agency, a business he has been in since 1960 when he went to work for the first commercial television station in Panama. Earlier he was involved in writing radio scripts.

"I want my own agency," he adds, "to give me time to work with the blind people in Panama. I want to teach English to them so they can come to AEB and learn like I have been able to do.

"Sure, it's an ambitious plan and a busy schedule," he reasons, "but I feel I must share my rehabilitation training if I am to fully realize its value."

There are many reasons Carlos wants to get back into his field. Among them is supporting his wife, an American who was raised in the Canal Zone, and their two children. There are others.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

At a recent club meeting, the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions voted unanimously to contribute $1,000 to AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. The club was already one of the larger contributors to the campaign with $178.80 average per member. This new gift will raise the 33-member club to more than $200 per member, making it the second club reaching this level.

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The Tennessee Lions in District 12-L have made another contribution to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Million Dollar Expansion Campaign — this one for $1,000. This is the fourth gift the 63-club district in western Tennessee has made to the building program. They have given a total of $4,340. Besides the District gifts, three clubs in 12-L have contributed $859 to the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, Past International Director, attended the District 12-L Fall Conference and accepted the $1,000 gift.

FLORIDA VISITORS — When a trio of James Brindac Sr. [left], Mrs. Ken Shivel [second from right] and Mrs. James Brindac Jr. [right] left Bonita Springs, Fla., for Arkansas, they were instructed by the husbands of the two women to visit Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Both men are members of the Bonita Springs Lions Club and are familiar with AEB's work. When the Florida visitors deboarded their plane at Adams Field, the first thing they saw in Arkansas was AEB's wall display on the airport's concourse. This convinced them to see AEB. Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director [second from left] visited with them.

The Death of Little Bear

Then the Spirit of the Mountain said,
Dance little bear, dance in the sun;
Dance little bear, dance everyone.
Cunning little bear, furry and soft;
Soft fleecy clouds floating aloft.
Busy honeybees buzz near by;
Saucey red bird, darts through the sky.
Impish little winds nuzzle the leaves;
Sing for the gift of flowers and trees;
And every little critter that breathes.
In the midst of joy comes sorrow;
In the midst of peace comes horror;
In the midst of life comes death —
In the form of man with hate in his heart,
And a gun in his hand.
Run little bear, run for your life!
Hide little bear, hide from his sight.
Cunning little bear, learn how to fear;
Soft fleecy clouds now shed a tear.
Busy honeybees buzz for shame;
Saucey red bird calls out his name.
Friendly little winds comfort the leaves.
Weep for the death of little bear;
let every little critter tremble with fear!
And the spirit of the mountain said.
"Who now will dance for me?
Dance for the gift of flowers and trees,
And every little critter that breathes?"
Weep for the death of dear little bear.
Weep for the death of dear little bear.
Weep for the man with hate
in his heart,
and a gun in his hand.
Weep for senseless killing everywhere.

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This is the poem written by Mrs. Billie Elder, senior instructor in AEB's educational services, and put to music by Tom Cottrell, a trainee in AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative course. Tom sang this song during the Visiting District Governors Day talent show and there have been a number of requests for the words.

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Optacon, Apollo Reader, Visualtex Reader, "talking calculator," and the Votrax.

While being demonstrated for the Little Rock news media, the Kurzweil Reader showed its versatility by reading material ranging from the Preamble to the Constitution to **Mary Had A Little Lamb.**

Among those assisting with the demonstration were Scadden, Shapiro, Kumpe, Jake Bogosian of Cambridge, Mass., director of field service for Kurzweil; Henry Seward of Washington, a rehabilitation specialist with the Office of the Blind and Visually Handicapped; and Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock, president of AEB.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR — Joseph H. Wroblewski, Lions International Director from Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Wroblewski of Ashley, Pa., toured AEB following their participation at the District-O Fall Conference at Cherokee Village. While at AEB they met Nancy Byers, a Taxpayer Service Representative trainee from Pittsburgh.

Directors Elect Smelly And Leidy To Serve On Endowment Committee

Two additional committee members were elected to serve on the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Endowment Committee by the Board of Directors at its September meeting.

Wes Smelley of Little Rock and C. A. Leidy of Newport were selected to represent the Directors on this committee. They join AEB President Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman Alvin Reap of Little Rock, and Executive Director Roy Kumpe on the five-man panel.

(Normally the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman would be separate slots, but this year Alvin Reap is serving both positions. The articles establishing the fund provides for electing a second director to the committee when this occurs.)

The Endowment Fund, established in February, 1977, will hold financial gifts designated by the donor for the fund and will be assigned no less than 75 per cent of bequests that are not designated for other use by the donor. The Board of Directors will determine the portion of the remaining 25 per cent, if any, that will go into the endowment.

Interest from the fund will go into the rehabilitation center's operating fund. Custodian of the trust is Worthen Bank and Trust Company in Little Rock.

At present, two gifts have gone into the endowment. From the Josephine Collie Estate of Malvern, the Directors placed $142,000 into the fund, and the Little Rock Founders Lions Club designated almost $3,800 to the fund.

Anyone interested in contributing to the endowment or including it in their will may contact the Office of Executive Director at AEB for assistance.

Return Cost!

Want to save AEB two-bits?

You can by letting us know you have a change of address.

The Post Office charges 25 cents for each **New Life** they cannot deliver because of a wrong address. Each month AEB mails more than 8,000 copies of the newsletter. If just one per cent were returned, it would be costly to AEB.

If your address changes, please let us know.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Ann McDaniel, Bell Telephone's first blind long distance operator, continues doing her job with remarkable results. A three-month evaluation on the work of the former AEB trainee was excellent. In July, according to the report, Ann was completing calls 17 per cent faster than the average operator; in August she was 26 per cent faster. Her supervisor didn't observe any errors by Ann when handling calls.

There's also a grade "A" for the interconnect equipment designed by George Dalrymple of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. An electrical storm disrupted the machine's smooth performance, but since the President of Arkansas Power and Light had his office lights blacked out by the same storm, it must be realized this could happen to anyone — including Ann McDaniel and Arch Pettit.

The publicity surrounding Ann and her accomplishments continue to grow. **Tech Talk**, a publication of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, carried Ann's story on its front page. A national news magazine, but not as prestigious as the MIT publication, also carried the story. The **National Enquirer** issue of October 4 reported on Ann's work.

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Katherine Rueb Surette of Northampton, Mass. (AEB '67), was recently named supervisor of volunteers for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind in Springfield, Mass. Her new job calls for teaching volunteers how to work with the blind, and recruiting volunteers. Ms. Surrette, a native of Henrietta, Okla., will be working with approximately 100 volunteers. AEB learned of her new job through a newspaper story that appeared in the **Springfield Republican.**

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Susan Donatacci of Port Reading, New Jersey, (CSIS) has been named the Outstanding Handicapped Worker for northern New Jersey. The award was made on September 29 at the Annual Awards Banquet. Susan, an employee in the Newark Area Office of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, was a visitor to AEB in early September.

Mattie Reaves

Five From 28th TSR Class Now at Work

Latest word concerning members of the 28th Taxpayer Service Representative class indicates five of the June graduates have been given jobs with the Internal Revenue Service.

"Several others are known to have been interviewed by local offices and we expect them to be hired very soon," reports Duane Balentine, AEB's director of rehabilitation.

Marion Cunningham of Denton, Tex., is working in the Dallas IRS office, Charles Johnson of Birmingham, Ala., is working in the Birmingham IRS office, Jeff Shafer of Plymouth, Ind., is working in the Helena, Mont., IRS office, Diane Askew of St. Petersburg, Fla., is working in the Detroit IRS office, and Ray Sausville of Boston is working in the Alexandria, La., IRS office.

This class raised to 180 the number of TSR's who have completed the training at AEB.

Pais Talks At Bryant School

Amy Pais, AEB counselor and low vision clinician, recently took part in what may have seemed a "talk marathon."

Mrs. Pais spoke before seven consecutive health classes at the Bryant Middle School in Bryant. Her audience, approximately 13 years old, averaged 35 members per class.

Her lecture on eye diseases, prevention of blindness and AEB's rehabilitation program for the blind reached more than 200 homes in the Bryant community.

Meet The Staff

Mattie Reaves will observe her tenth anniversary at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind next May. She came to the rehabilitation center as a dormitory supervisor on May 20, 1968. The El Dorado native has been AEB's grooming instructor since February, 1969.

During a three-year span, 1971 to 1974, she was Homemakers Cottage supervisor. In addition to her regular work assignment, she aids trainees shopping for cosmetics and clothes.

Mrs. Reaves earned her cosmetology diploma from the Paramount Beauty School in El Dorado in 1942. She has attended a University of Oklahoma Short Course and numerous other workshops and seminars.

She is a charter member of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, chartered in 1968, and is a member of the Arkansas Council of the Blind. She is a member of the National Hairdressers Association of America.

Tennessee Lions Honor Ferrell

William J. "Bill" Ferrell of Nashville, Tenn., a long-time friend of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, retired last month as director, Services for the Blind, Tennessee Department of Human Services.

Roy Kumpe, AEB Executive Director, was part of the program and presented Mr. Ferrell a lion statue.

Ferrell, a frequent visitor to the rehabilitation center, started as a rehabilitation counselor and worked his way to the director's post of the Tennessee program for the blind. His announced retirement plans call for a move to Florida's East Coast.

In addition to being a purchaser of services from AEB for the blind of his state, Ferrell also served the rehabilitation center as a member of its Service Advisory Committee. AEB recognized his service to this committee on Visiting District Governors Day, 1975.

A Lion since 1948, he served a number of positions in the district cabinets and on the state Sight Conservation Committee. He is past president of the Franklin Road Lions Club, Nashville.

AEB Adds Two Vocational Programs, Now Has Seven

There are now seven vocational training programs for the blind at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. The two latest programs were added this month.

The first was a training program preparing blind individuals to work as computer programmers, the second was instructing the blind to serve as Community Service Advisors.

The first class of computer programmers entered training after two events of major importance — completion of a month's evaluation and the arrival of a new computer. Computer programmer isn't a new field for the blind, but several training facilities for this type course have closed their programs and the blind have recently had a limited selection of places to receive this training.

AEB has purchased a new computer, a Honeywell 6/36, through its Projects With Industry grant from the Rehabilitation Service Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for his program. Computer language the course will teach includes COBOL, Fortran IV and Assembler.

Other equipment available for the course is the LED-120, a Braille terminal capable of embossing 120 characters per second, and the Votrax speech synthesizer.

So that the new program blends with the rehabilitation center's everyday use of the computer, AEB has moved the equipment to the second floor of the Odom Building. Don Puska, who will be instructing the course, believes this will provide ample room for all the computers' use for AEB and the training course.

A Community Service Advisor is someone working for a social agency supplying clients with technical assistance on subjects ranging from landlord-tenant relationships, consumer protection, medical care, food stamp eligibility, protective services, small claims remedies to property rights and others. This will be funded by a $67,222 grant from Governor David Pryor using Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds.

AEB's program was recommended to receive these funds from the Arkansas Manpower Services Council, a Governor-appointed council that oversees spending of federal job training and employment funds. Chosen from among 15 applications, AEB's grant is being funded through the Governor's discretionary funds, a fund used for special needs or innovative programs.

A minimum of 12 persons will be trained the first year and 15 each succeeding year. Trainees will be at AEB for a month's evaluation before entering the training program which will run six months. Mrs. Lynnda Jones will be the course coordinator.

These are the first vocational programs added to AEB's curriculum since 1974 when the expanded Small Business Management program began.

NEW EQUIPMENT — Don Puska [left], AEB's technology specialist; and Patti Kent, AEB's placement specialist, look over some of the new equipment the rehabilitation center will be using in its Computer Programmer vocational program. All of AEB's computer hardware is being moved to the second floor of the Odom Building.

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IBM machine speaks the key pressed by the operator. This tells the typist if he hits a wrong letter.

The instrument that's capturing all the headlines at the moment is the Kurzweil Reading Machine. It's all the latest electronic aid developed for the blind. The Kurzweil Reader scans print, converts it into an image that's transmitted to a computer. After evaluating the image, the computer speaks the word that was scanned.

Even while the prototype of this machine is being evaluated at AEB, other companies are in the process of producing similar machines. The Kurzweil people aren't sitting still. They are working towards a machine that will be the size of an attache case and will cost under $5,000. That's progress!

Dr. Larry Scadden was a recent AEB visitor. As part of his eveluation of the Kurzweil Reader, he will be visiting AEB at regular intervals during the next 12 months. He spoke to the Board of Directors concerning this project and discussed several new electronic aids that are in various stages of evaluation.

One nearing readiness for use is the Speel-Speech Computer Terminal that allows the message appearing on the video terminal to be spoken via synthetic speech. Scadden says this item, which is currently being evaluted by his staff, will be useful in jobs dealing with reservations or credit information. There's sure to be many other applications for it after we put it into operation and evaluate its potential fully, he adds.

Another space-age electronic aid is the Braille Cassette Recording Device. This is an instrument approximately the size of an attache case that displays Braille stored in a cassette.

Scadden claims there's enough space on one of the casettes to store impulses for a 300-page book. Using today's Braille techniques, a book that size would require several volumes.

Scadden reports that this machine, being developed in France, also contains a keyboard for making your own cassettes. The memory can hold up to 2,000 characters before it must be placed into permanent storage. This means the writer can edit several paragraphs before permanently entering them into the cassette. Scadden plans a year's evaluation of this machine. He estimates another year after the evaluation before the machine reaches the market.

These are just two of the electronic aids being evaluated for the blind . . . there are countless others on the drawing board.

Makes you wonder, what's next?

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Mrs. Ruth Staats by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
James Caldwell by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wise
William R. Lee by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Doyle Evatt by The Rice Family
Rayburn Sullivant by Ben Rice
V. J. Madar by Wilton A. Treadway
Mrs. Deborah DuVall Smith by Mrs. Claud Pritchard
Mrs. Maude Key Moseley by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Catherine Martineau by Danny Snyder
Coley Lantrip by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner, Miss Lila Lampkin, "Coffee Drinkers of Oak Forest Lions Club," Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.
Mrs. Hazel Wilson Sayre by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton
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Mrs. Clyde Schuetzle by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Scott
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Mrs. Sara Barker by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Tyrone Riley by Murfreesboro Lions Club
Mrs. Harry B. Flowers by Mr. and Mrs. Al Shaw
John I. Hogue by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Virginia Jayne by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
W. G. Watkins, Sr. by Miss Mildred Bradford
David Green by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmieder
Donald Broach by R. H. "Bob" Shaddock, Camden Lions Club
Capt. James B. Boyd by Mrs. W. B. Whitacre
Howard Patterson, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Amis Guthridge by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
John H. Lee by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Treadway
Jesse Laws by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley

Four Trainees Enter AEB's CSIS Training

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is holding its first Civil Service Information Specialist course in more than a year.

Four trainees have enrolled in the training that will prepare them for work as information specialists with the U.S. Civil Service Commission. The course, which runs 3 months, is conducted with the cooperation of the Little Rock office of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Billy J. Rettig is Area Manager.

Trainees in the course are Christie Saunders of Duncanville, Tex.; Linda Smalley of Buffalo, N.Y.; Ann Grant of Seattle, Wash.; and Sondra Taylor of Syracuse, N.Y. Training began on October 4.

AEB started this type of training in 1973 after the Taxpayer Service Representative program proved such a success. There have been 41 individuals trained through this program.

Debbie Maglothin of Little Rock is instructor for this class.

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An Editorial

Thanks... Again

Forgetting is not always a sign of old age, although those standing around when you suddenly remember an appointment you are now an hour late for always make remarks about "getting old."

The young are just as forgetful. Ever hear a child say he forgot he was told not to play near the water. How about a teenager caught driving the family car where he wasn't supposed to be. How many anniversaries and birthdays are forgotten by the "younger generation?"

Fact is, in this fast-paced world we live in, we sometimes become busy or too carried away with our own problems and we forget or overlook many little things — like saying thank you.

An editorial in a publication I used to work for cited these three incidents of forgetting:

— A foundation in a large city sent a very large check to a charitable organization. Not hearing from it, an officer of the foundation telephoned the secretary of the organization and asked, "Did you get our check?" "Yes," he replied. "Didn't you get your cancelled check back?"

— A very generous man sent 19 college professors to Europe, paying all their expenses. Not one wrote to thank him.

— A wealthy man, who could buy anything he wanted, was asked to recall the finest gift he had ever received. "I can tell you immediately," he replied. "It was a post card from an old lady thanking me for a favor I had done for her."

Thanksgiving Day is at hand. Unfortunately, it has become less of a day of giving thanks, as it was originally conceived to be, and become a day of stuffing oneself, as well as the turkey, football and a signal for a mad rush of Christmas buying.

This year, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind wants to take a moment to properly express its thanks in the true tradition of Thanksgiving. There are Lions, friends, supporters, trainees and staff members who have given something extra that may not have been noticed, or could have been forgotten.

The Arkansas Lions have been generous with their support of AEB. Although the "suggested quota" for 1977 fell several thousand dollars short, many clubs' pledges were well in excess of their quota and those they met. Others continued to pay their pledges to the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign.

Some Lions Clubs gave special donations to the rehabilitation center at various times during the year. Numerous other organizations and individuals contributed during the year. Each of these, as well as the scheduled quota donations, were thanked by letter from AEB. Sometimes the letter may have taken several days to be written and mailed, and may have seemed late in coming, but hopefully no one was overlooked.

However, there are many small things done for AEB that attract very little attention, or happens in a way that may never be known. A Lion describes AEB to an acquaintance or total stranger and AEB receives a contribution. A former trainee mentions AEB and another blind person hears of the rehabilitation center for the first time. A group of trainees are invited to a concert, play or event, but no one is thanked. These may be considered little things and could be overlooked or forgotten, but never intentionally.

They are never publicized because AEB may never know they happen. However, AEB does appreciate each one.

And, during this Thanksgiving season, 1977, in the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, please accept our heartfelt thanks for each and every one of them.

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No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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Jacksonville Lions Hosting 1978 Mid-Winter Conference

Arkansas Lions, fresh from five successful Fall Conferences, will gather next on January 28 and 29 in Jacksonville for their 1978 Mid-Winter Conference.

J. D. Lewis of Forrest City, chairman, Council of Governors, has issued a call for the conference and will preside over the event.

The two-day conclave includes numerous reports on Lions' activities in Arkansas, campaign meetings for Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler's third vice-president candidacy, annual reports for AEB and EKB and the election of District Governors for 1978-79. The Ramada Inn on Highway 67 will be headquarters for the Conference.

International Director Edwin H. Flood of Amarillo, Texas, will be the featured speaker for the Saturday evening banquet. It will be held at the Northside Junior High School.

The Saturday afternoon business session has been divided into five sections, each chaired by a District Governor. Serving Arkansas as DG's this year are Billy Crutchfield of Mena, L; John Q. Sanders of Harrison, I; Orval M. Bair of Horseshoe Bend, O; Earl M. Cherry of Cabot, N; and Jerry H. Markham of Little Rock, S.

The first session begins at 1 p.m. and concerns club extension. It will be dedicated to Roy Kumpe, retiring executive director of AEB. Session Two deals with membership, retention and development and is dedicated to Edward G. Barry Sr., past Lions International president.

The remaining three sessions will deal with Arkansas Lions activities. There will be a report on the 1978 State Convention, scheduled April 14-16 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center; and an Advertise Arkansas Committee report dealing with travel to Tokyo for the 1978 Lions International Convention.

Sunday morning activities will be devoted to district meetings and the election of district governors. At least two districts have more than one candidate running for office at this time. December 28 is the final day for candidate certification.

Registration is $7 for early birds and $8 after January 1. Those registering before the meeting will be eligible for the $25 door prize. There will be a winner for each district. Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville is general chairman. Jacksonville motels available include the Ramada Inn, Holiday Inn and the Town House.

Bids will be taken for the 1980 Mid-Winter Conference. The 1979 conference will be held at Hot Springs Village.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The **Jungle**, the weekly bulletin of the Little Rock Founders Club, has a feature it runs frequently. Called, "Know Your AEB," the short paragraph gives a resume of one segment of the rehabilitation center's training. Lion Stanley Price is the editor.

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The Bryant Lions are using a bit of early Americana to assist their membership drive. The club drew names and established an order that each member would keep an early American comfort station, commonly called an outhouse, in his front yard until he brought in a new member. The first two Lions on the list brought in four prospects the first night. Derrell Davis is the club's president.

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The DeQueen Lions have their annual eye examination project underway in the DeQueen schools. The club's service project tests all students from Kindergarten through the seventh grade. Gordon Emery is the club's president.

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These memorials have been made to the H. Mindel Self Memorial Fund: Searcy Lions, Walnut Ridge Lions, William R. Grim, Fairfield Bay Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Seeley J. Kondris, White River Baptist Church, White River Baptist Ladies Class, Cherokee Village Lions, Jacksonville Lions, Bull Shoals Lions, and a memorial to the fund in memory of Jacob Ed Gauntt by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Owen.

TWO ILLINOISIANS — International Director Milton H. Tuttle of Des Plaines, Illinois, and Steve Britt of Carbondale, Illinois, chatted for a few moments during Director Tuttle's tour of AEB. Tuttle was the conference speaker at District L's Fall Conference in Hot Springs and visited AEB before returning home.

Greener Grass, But What Else?

Although the grass may be greener on the other side, it's not always wise to cross over.

That was the lesson learned, too late, by a calf from Green Forest.

A neighbor's calf kept crossing into Lion Harry Swanger's pasture. It even adopted one of his cows. No matter how many times the calf was "driven back," it returned when the cow called. (Since this is Arkansas and not Texas, that's not considered rustling.)

Lion Swanger, who was working on his club's White Cane Week activities, called his neighbor and notified him he was taking his calves to the sale and would leave the neighbor's calf. The neighbor, aware of the Green Forest Lions White Cane effort and perhaps chagrined because his calf wouldn't stay home, advised Lion Swanger to sell the errant calf and apply the money to White Cane.

That's why the grass isn't always greener . . .

Orientation And Mobility At AEB Means Learning White Cane Travel Skills

Visitors often watch in awe as an Arkansas Enterprise for the Blind trainee moves rapidly through a maze of chairs, tables and people without any assistance.

Later they see this same individual crossing the street, alone, with only a white cane for assistance. They watch as the individual walks away, still relying on his white cane.

"How do they do it?" That's a question frequently asked of those who work in the field of blindness. The answer at AEB is orientation and mobility training.

Mobility is a specialized field of instruction that trains a blind individual to move from one point to another, safely and smoothly. The other part of this training, **orientation**, is the adjusting to one's environment by using the remaining senses.

The two go together.

Using the senses of sound, smell and touch, a blind person can orient himself to his environment. These senses must be developed to a greater extent by the blind if they are successful in using them as mobility aids.

Hearing assists in locating noise producing items and provides information on distance, direction, size and structure. Smell assists the blind in locating and identifying odor producing parts of our environment. Touch allows learning the size, shape, weight, volume, texture and surface of an object. While taste is important in identifying food and drink, it plays almost no role in orientation and mobility.

Another use of the senses is the little-known and little-understood phenomenon called "object perception." This is the method that some blind individuals have developed of perceiving extremely close objects by the change of pressure on the face. Useful when successful, "object perception" is painful when wrong.

Tilden Guidry, AEB's orientation and mobility supervisor, says the rehabilitation center's orientation and mobility program is designed towards meeting "first needs first." The goal is providing the blind person with the mobility skills needed for independent travel within his environment.

Mobility centers on the "white cane" or long cane method of travel. Through the centuries, the blind have relied on various tools for travel assistance. In Greek mythology, the goddess Charicle gave Teiresias a magic staff. Other aids have included rods, staffs, animals and other humans. One Englishman traveled the world hiring guides when he arrived a new place.

During the 1800's both the use of canes and trained dogs were suggested, but no one followed up until World War I when the training of guide-dogs was started in Germany.

Following World War II, Dr. Richard E. Hoover conceived the most practical tool for mobility, that of exchanging the heavy, wooden "white cane" that the Peoria, Ill., Lions Club had successfully adopted nationally as the symbol of blindness into a longer, lighter cane for mobility. He not only designed a new cane, he established the technique that bears his name and continues to be taught at AEB and other rehabilitation centers.

Used in a systematic, rhythmic motion, the cane sweeps in front of the individual and clears a path as he walks. Through the feel of the cane a constant contact with the environment is transmitted back to the user.

Still, no one is just handed a cane. They are carefully prescribed for the individual by the mobility specialist giving instruction. The user's height and stride are considered when determining the length of the cane. Since the cane becomes an extension of the arm when used properly, it must fit correctly.

DOWNSTAIRS — Tilden Guidry, AEB orientation and mobility supervisor, assists Milagros Ochoa of Guadalajara, Mexico, with cane techniques used on stairways.

Canes also come in different styles. There are aluminum and fiberglass shafts. Two former AEB trainees have produced canes at different times. Orval Stanbro of Batesville, now retired, produced fiberglass canes; now George Wickstrom of Conway, a member of the Conway Evening Lions, is manufacturing aluminum canes.

Training canes have a crook handle and golf grip. Others do without the crook. While most canes are one solid piece, there are those that fold and some that telescope, all according to the user's preference.

The other mode of independent travel is the dog-guide. Use of specially trained dogs developed in Germany during World War I. Even though there are nine schools teaching the use of dogs, only one per cent of the blind population, according to the American Foundation for the Blind, use dogs.

Orientation and mobility training is concept development, building self-confidence, developing motor skills, environmental orientation, using a human guide, and learning skills and techniques required for travel with the long cane.

AEB's orientation and mobility staff consists of seven members who work with an average of 40 to 50 trainees per day, giving one and two hour blocks of instructions. A new trainee begins with an evaluation of his skills and an orientation to the rehabilitation center. For those whose work must begin with the basic skills, training is a six phase program that starts within AEB.

Phase One is orientation to AEB and pre-cane skills. These include trailing walls and furniture, the effective use of hands and body, and the use of a sighted guide. There's also instructions in getting into and out of automobiles.

Phase Two is the introduction to the long cane and work on the center grounds. This includes work inside the campus and on the sidewalks surrounding AEB. This phase includes cane techniques on stairways.

Phase Three is the first step off the campus. Before any neighborhood travel can be taught, the trainee must first master crossing the street. Guidry says that contrary to beliefs the most difficult part would be knowing when to cross; for many the problem is crossing in a straight line. He adds that busy intersections are not as difficult because the traffic serves as a guide, but where no traffic is present there's nothing for guidance.

After crossing the street, neighborhood travel teaches compass directions, concepts of street layout, learning reference points and locating objects. Neighborhood travel around AEB involves travel to local stores and businesses. Because there are very few sidewalks in the area, "shorelining" techniques are taught. This involves trailing the road's edge with the cane.

Phase Four moves downtown into a semi-business and residential area of the city. There are sidewalks, stop signs, traffic signals, and moderate traffic. **Phase Five** moves into the heart of downtown with heavy traffic, traffic signals and a large number of pedestrians.

Included in the fifth phase is the "solo" excursion. This is a trainee being assigned to a route that includes bus travel. He travels to a section of town and locates a landmark. Successfully completing this earns the "solo" pin indicating the ability to travel independently.

Final phase, **Phase Six**, is the teaching of the city numbering system and locating buildings by street address. Guidry says this requires skills in judging distances.

An average trainee can complete the full mobility training in four to six months, although those with concept problems or fears may take longer.

"Almost everyone has some type of problem with orientation and mobility," Guidry reports. He also adds that "no one particular problem is prevalent among the blind.

"There seems to be less fear of traffic among the congenital blind, while the adventitiously blind have fewer concept problems."

Just as electronic aids are improving with the blind's job opportunities, they are becoming available in the mobility field. Among the earlier aids are the binaural sensor and the laser cane. A newer one is the Tactical-Vision Substitution device that has been tested in the United States and now is undergoing additional evaluation in New Zealand.

Until these new devices are fully developed and operational, the majority of the blind will continue to depend on the "white cane" for mobility.

Murry Loring

Meet The Staff

Murry Loring, a North Little Rock native now living in Little Rock, has been an instructor in AEB's work evaluation since 1972.

Murry, one half of a brother team working at AEB, holds a B.S. in Industrial Arts from the Arkansas AM&N, now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He received his degree in 1968. He also has done work at Western Michigan University in mobility.

In 1973, Loring attended a training course at the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in New York and is qualifed to work with the deaf-blind.

He is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. His hobbies are working with electrical goods and working jig-saw puzzles.

He and his wife, Rosie, have a son, Kevin.

NRA Names Oestreich to Be New Executive Director

Richard P. Oestreich, former administrator of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission and a certified rehabilitation counselor, is the new executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association.

He succeeds Mrs. Diane S. Roupe.

Only the third person to hold the director's position in the NRA's 27-year history, Mr. Oestreich's appointment was effective September 28.

He is past president of the Central Ohio Rehabilitation Association and serves as chairman of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation's Research Committee.

AEB Trainees Attend Ashley Mills Battle

When the local chapter of the Sons of the Confederacy and other Civil War buffs re-fought the Battle of Ashley Mills, a number of AEB trainees were there.

The "War for Southern Independence" battlefield, which was actually only a skirmish, just happened to be located on the route run a dozen times a day by the Scott and Bearskin Lake Railroad.

In fact, AEB trainees rode the train to and from the battlefield. (AEB trainees are regular patrons of this railroad. The owners invite Mrs. Elise Diesel, AEB's staff member who arranges the weekend activities, to bring out trainees for train rides several times a year.)

On both days, AEB trainees were given tours of the battlefield and campgrounds by members of the Sons of the Confederacy. To get them really in the 1860's mood, they also picked cotton by hand from fields bordering the railroad.

No one from AEB was on hand for the reenactment. Perhaps it was just as well. Unlike the earlier fracas, this time the men in Gray overcame great odds and soundly routed the "Yankees" back to wherever they came from.

With AEB's trainee population representing all states, some might have objected to this slight revision of history, others might have objected if it hadn't been revised.

J'ville Lions Refer Blind Client To AEB

Lion Milton LaVasque of the Jacksonville Evening Lions was in the right place, at the right time and he had the right information to serve a fellow man.

In this case "his fellow man" was Mrs. Donna Dickey, a newly blinded housewife. Mrs. Dickey's husband is in the Air Force and they were being transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base.

Lion LaVasque, who has since been tranferred to Japan, was the Base Housing Officer and a new member of the Jacksonville Lions. What he didn't know about AEB, he knew how to find out. He contacted Doug Wilkinson and Wilkinson contacted AEB.

BEHIND THE GREEN PLANTS! — Those familiar with AEB's reception area are aware that the rehabilitation center's switchboard is located behind the ivy. Lions International Director and Mrs. Joseph H. Wimmer of Waukesha, Wis., [right] toured AEB prior to their participation in the District I Fall Conference in Harrison. Conducting the tour was Jim Cordell, [center] AEB assistant executive director. Dr. J.M. "Jim" Fowler, [second from left] past International Director, helped with the tour and Glenn Koch, [left] former AEB trainee from Morrilton and currently AEB's switchboard operator, demonstrated the switchboard.

Jacksonville Lions Club
Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076

Dear Friends,

I know this letter is quite late in coming. I was sitting in my home today, remembering when my husband and I moved here two years ago.

My husband is in the Air Force and we had just been transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base.

Only a few months earlier I had suffered the loss of most of my sight and had been declared legally blind.

When we were in the Base Housing Office I met a man who worked there who was a member of the Jacksonville Lions Club. He took an immediate interest in me and told me what he knew about Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. He wrote down my name and the very next day someone called me (also a Lions member) and told me I would be contacted soon by the state rehabilitation office in Little Rock.

A few weeks later I was attending AEB. I learned so much from the school, especially the confidence to deal with my handicap.

I don't know the names of those people in your club who helped me, but I am grateful and want to thank your entire organization for reaching out to me when I needed it. And thank you for your support of all visually handicapped people.

Sincerely yours,
s/Mrs. Donna Dickey

GIFT FOR THE GOVERNOR — Governor David Pryor was the recipient of two gifts during a visit to his office by a delegation of Arkansas Lions and others. Kana Shimasaki, [center] a former AEB trainee who is currently attending the Arkansas School for the Blind, presented Governor Pryor a gift from her country — Japan. Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, presented the Governor a lion statute from AEB's trainees. The Lions received a White Cane Week proclamation and recognized Lions World Service Day during the visit. Pictured are, from left, Governor Pryor, Rick Atkins of the Little Rock Founders Lions, Shimasaki, Don Puska of the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions, J.M. Woolly, superintendent of the School for the Blind, and Kumpe.

AEB Makes Annual Membership Letter Mailing In November

More than 1,500 friends of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind will receive their annual Sustaining Membership Letter in late November.

This letter goes primarily to individuals who have assisted the program in years past, or who have expressed a high degree of interest in work for the blind through other means.

Lila Lampkin, administrative assistant and the one responsible for getting the letter in the mail, says the gifts from this source have been increasing at a steady pace. "In 1976, we received more than $8,500; last year the total was almost $12,000. There were 588 responses to last year's letter."

Everyone contributing through this appeal receives a year's subscription to **New Life** and a membership card. The tax deductible gift is used by the rehabilitation center in its programs of serving the blind.

Records of sustaining membership gifts are maintained and a contributor can learn at any time the amount they have given over the years. Through these records AEB knows when a contributor reaches the $500 needed to qualify for the Order of the White Cane.

A new level of commendation is being considered by the Board of Director's committee on Public Education and Development. For those exceeding $1,000, either a one time gift or an accumulation of gifts totaling $1,000, a "Knights of the Blind" honor will be awarded.

The Waiting Time

A beautiful morning,
All so fine,
With a flock of geese
Thinning the sunshine.
A squirrel gathering nuts,
And chattering its tune,
Are all signs saying,
That winter will be here soon.
The cold winter winds,
Arrive at last,
Making warm summer days,
A cherished memory of the past.
All the warm-blooded creatures,
Are now burrowed under ground,
Waiting once again
For spring to come around.

This is a poem by Allen Miner, a personal adjustment trainee from Saline, Oklahoma.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Diane Marie Askew (TSR '77) and Joe Scalzi (TSR '76) have announced their forthcoming marriage on November 25 in East Detroit, Mich. While in Taxpayer Service Representative training at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Diane's home was St. Petersburg, Fla., and Joe's was Lubbock, Tex. Both are working in the Detroit Internal Revenue Service Office.

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Mildred Payne (AEB '64) recently wrote AEB updating her acquaintance on her activities. She reports living at Methodist Manor, Tulsa, Okla., where she leads chapel singing. She is an active member of the Tulsa Recreation Center for the Physically Limited and served as its president for two years.

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Jim Hudson (AEB '64 and College Prep '65) of Little Rock, has been appointed by Governor David Pryor as the state's first advocate for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled. He began his job on October 15. Prior to this appointment he was a counselor to children with multiple handicaps for United Cerebal Palsy of Arkansas. Hudson said that as an advocate he would seek to determine the needs of the handicapped and start "a massive campaign" to educate the public about those needs.

Two Former Trainees Have Local Jobs

Two former AEB trainees are holding similar jobs and recently shared a feature story in the **Counselor**, the monthly publication of Arkansas' Division of Rehabilitation Service, Department of Human Service.

Editor L. D. Kerr interviewed Gayle Brunt and Jeanne McGraw at their work situations. Gayle is receptionist-switchboard operator and information specialist at the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Little Rock; and Jeanne is the information specialist at the Pulaski County Courthouse.

Gayle came to AEB from Milwaukee, Wis., and Miss McGraw is a Little Rock native and Harding College graduate.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Bernard Hartz by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Harry Rosen by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Mother of Mrs. Arthur Spooner by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schell
Owen Joyner by Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sanders
Mrs. Jane Seaman by Mr. and Mrs. Don Richards, Col. and Mrs. Claude M. Shaver, Cherokee Village Lions Club
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George Boudra by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.
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Vance Perry by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Walton
Harold E. Campbell by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson
Nicholas Samuel McGhee by Robert Sakon
Mike May by Delight Lions Club
Jean Ivers by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Troxell
Mrs. Louise Woehrle Flaten by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle, Ms. Marybelle Boyle
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An Editorial

Referrals To AEB

This is the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's official statement on referrals to the rehabilitation center:

A. "The majority of referrals to AEB are made by state rehabilitation counselors working with their clients. These referrals are made if the counselor feels there is a possibility the client would benefit from training available at the rehabilitation center. AEB evaluates the trainees to determine the exact type of training needed and estimates the time required for this training. The state agency involved generally pays the training cost.

"Cost per personal adjustment trainee at AEB is $1,360 for one month. AEB bills the sponsoring state rehabilitation agency $1,095 per month. The difference, $265 for room and board, is provided by AEB through the support it receives from Lions Clubs and other sources.

B. "Other referrals are accepted by AEB. Either Lions, relatives, doctors, nurses, interested friends, employers or other interested groups can refer an individual to AEB. In some cases, AEB's chaplain and field counselor visits the blind person in his home. AEB will contact the rehabilitation counselor in the individual's home area to ascertain if the individual is eligible for state assistance in attending AEB. Other sources of funds are available if state aid is unattainable. These include scholarships from International Services for the Blind, local Lions Clubs, the trainee's personal funds, or a combination of several methods. The cost is the same as described in A.

"No one has ever been denied service at AEB because of lack of funds. Ways and means have always been found to meet the needs of the blind or visually impaired."

The above statement pertains to personal adjustment trainees. These are individuals usually receiving their first training after blindness, although there are some who have received training elsewhere.

Arkansas Lions should contact AEB when they learn of a blind person in their community. AEB knows the rehabilitation counselors to contact in the State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired for each area of the state. Working through AEB and the state agency, the Arkansas Lions can be a strong force in the rehabilitation of Arkansas' blind population.

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Roy Kumpe Day Set For February 5, Special Dinner That Evening

February 5 will be Roy Kumpe Day and that evening, beginning at 6 p.m., an appreciation dinner will be held in his honor.

Governor David Pryor has set aside February 5 throughout Arkansas as Roy Kumpe Day, and the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Board of Directors has approved, by resolution, a dinner honoring Kumpe.

Kumpe, who is retiring officially on January 31, is ending 39 years as executive director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Howard H. Hanson of Pierre, South Dakota, is succeeding Kumpe and began work at AEB on December 1.

The evening's activities will be a blend of Lions, rehabilitation workers and leaders in the field of blindness, and friends; plus his family. Joining the Arkansas Lions on this occasion will be Lions International President Joseph M. McLoughlin of Stamford, Conn., who will be one of the principal speakers. Governor Pryor will also be on the program.

Newly appointed Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Robert H. Humphreys, has been invited to participate on the program.

Others also on the program are Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock, AEB's president; Edward G. Barry Sr. of Little Rock, past Lions International president; Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler of Little Rock, past Lions International director; Finis E. Davis of Louisville, Ky., past Lions International president and former vice-president and general manager of the American Printing House for the Blind; Candy Riedl of New Orleans, former AEB trainee; and Carlos Mazo of Panama City, Panama, former AEB trainee.

Pior to the dinner at Little Rock's Camelot Inn, a reception in Kumpe's honor will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the solarium at the rehabilitation center. Coordinating the reception are the wives of AEB's board members, the Lion Tamers and the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions. Everyone is invited to the reception.

Invitations to the Appreciation Dinner have been mailed to all Lions Clubs in Arkansas, to state, federal and private agencies serving the blind, to many of the current Lions International Directors and District Governors, and a number of past directors and governors.

Seating capacity for the Great Banquet Hall at the Camelot Inn is 600. Cost per person is $12.50. Former trainees and others not receiving a printed invitation because the committee didn't have complete or up-to-date addresses, may use the form on this page for reservations to the dinner.

Roy Kumpe

Barry, past resident of AEB, is serving as chairman of the Roy Kumpe Appreciation Night Committee. The Little Rock Founders Lions are hosting the event and Dr. Maury Friedman is co-chairman. Louis Rives Jr., administrator, State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Dr. J. M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind, are serving as advisors to the planning committee.

All involved with the event's planning urge Lions and others to forward their ticket requests as early as possible. They point to the limited seating and planning needs for such a large crowd. "Early reservations will certainly facilitate our planning and eliminate some concerns," Barry says.

MAIL TO: P.O. Box 15
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Little Rock, AR 72203

Enclosed is $_____ for _____reservation(s) to the Roy Kumpe Appreciation Dinner in the name of:

Name _____

Street _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make check payable to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Fellowship Fund Will Honor Kumpe

The Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund is being established to honor Roy Kumpe for his many years of service to the blind. Wes Smelley of Little Rock, AEB's first vice president, is chairing a sub-committee planning the fund.

Primarily the Fellowship would be to bring professional workers for the blind — rehabilitation and vocational counselors from state and private agencies — to AEB for a week's in-service training.

The Fellowship Fund would pay transportation and out-of-pocket expense. AEB would provide room and board for the Fellowship recipient while on campus.

Fellowships would be awarded by a committee selected to review requests and they would be awarded on a base established by the committee. AEB's board would administer the Fellowship Fund.

The sub-committee is currently accepting donations to the Fund. Anyone wishing to support this effort may contribute to the Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund, in care of AEB.

South Dakotan Named Kumpe's Successor at AEB

Howard H. Hanson of Pierre, South Dakota, began his duties as executive director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind on Thursday (December 1), according to Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock, president of AEB.

He will be succeeding Roy Kumpe who will officially retire January 31, 1978, following 39 years as AEB's executive director.

Hanson, 53, is a native of South Dakota and is blind.

His selection ends a five month search by Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Board of Directors. Numerous applicants of state and national level were screened before the final choice was made.

"Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is fortunate to have someone of Mr. Hanson's stature, experience and knowledge of work with the blind accepting this vital position of leadership at the rehabilitation center," Mr. Marlin said.

Marlin adds that Hanson's concern and interest in this field is reflected in his excellent work and the many leadership roles he has filled on the state and national level. The Board of Directors and the Arkansas Lions are anxious to work and cooperate with Mr. Hanson.

Hanson comes to AEB after 28 years association with the South Dakota Services to the Visually Impaired. He has served as agency director, assistant program administrator and home teacher.

Under his guidance, the South Dakota rehabilitation agency was among the first ten agencies in the United States in the number of rehabilitations per 100,000 population. The South Dakota agency has always been a leader in the areas of employment for the visually impaired. It was fully accredited in 1972 by the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Hanson was graduated from the South Dakota School for the Blind and earned his B.S. and Masters in Sociology from South Dakota State University, Brookings; and did post graduate work at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1949. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, was nominated by South Dakota as one of ten outstanding men in America, received the "Handicapped American Award" from the Governor of South Dakota, and in 1972 received the South Dakota University Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He served as president of the Pierre Lions Club in 1956-57 and Lions District Governor in South Dakota in 1957-58. He founded the South Dakota Lions Sight and Service Foundation in 1965.

Hanson has served as president of the National Rehabilitation Association, American Association of Workers for the Blind, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, and a number of state and local agencies in South Dakota serving the blind and handicapped.

He is currently vice-president of the National Accreditation Council, a member of the board of directors for the International Services for the Blind, Little Rock; a delegate to the World Council on Welfare of the Blind, New Delhi, India; and chairman of a panel on Services to the Blind at the 12th World Congress of Rehabilitation International, Sidney, Australia.

40th Annual Migel Medal Winners Announced By AFB

The American Foundation for the Blind's 40th Migel Medal awards were recently made to Donald Blasch of Kalamazoo, Mich., and John P. Morgan II of New York.

Blasch is chairman of the Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility at Western Michigan University. Morgan is vice-president of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company.

The Migel Medal is given annually to a professional worker for the blind and a layman who have made outstanding contributions in the field of blindness. Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, received the professional award in 1970.

MOBILITY LESSON — Wes Smelley, chairman of the Service and Training Committee of AEB's board, gets some points on using the white cane while under the blindfold. Jim Cordell, assistant executive director who holds a master's in orientation and mobility, assists with the lesson. Members of the board are participating in a blindness awareness campaign.

NAC Reports On Its Work For Past Year

The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC) listed 67 agencies and schools, including AEB, that were accredited as of June 30, 1977.

Through its annual report, NAC reported the 67 agencies served 325,000 persons through 200 facilities in 167 communities of 39 states and the District of Columbia. NAC listed 116,000 blind and visually impaired served and 210,000 received prevention of blindness and other services.

In addition to accredited agencies, NAC lists four sponsoring agencies, including the International Services for the Blind, and 13 supporters, including the Arkansas Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Arkansas Council of the Blind.

NAC accredits agencies and schools meeting nationally accepted standards for quality services to blind and visually handicapped Americans, responsible management, and ethical fund raising.

Other Arkansas members of NAC are the Arkansas School for the Blind and the State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Oaklawn Lions Participate In Blindness Awareness Program

The Hot Springs Oaklawn Lions Club became one of the first Arkansas Lions Clubs, if not the first, to conduct a club-wide blindness awareness program.

During its regular breakfast meeting on November 8, the club members were blindfolded as they arrived at the Royale Vista Inn. They remained blindfolded until moments before the meeting adjourned.

Joining the Oaklawn Lions for this experiment were Hot Springs Mayor Tom Ellsworth, a member of the Hot Springs Downtown Lions; and Garland County Judge Bill McCuen, a member of the South Hot Springs Lions.

Club President Alva Appling expressed pleasure at the turnout of Lions. Thirty-two members of the 40-member club, in spite of their knowing about the blindness awareness project, were present. (President Appling stated that six members had already made up this meeting and were in the woods deer hunting.)

Jim Davis, AEB director of Community Relations, met with the club and offered some suggestions prior to the meal being served. It must have been helpful because there were no major disasters. The members ate slowly, and moved very slowly, feeling carefully for utensils, plate, cup and glass. It seemed no one wanted the notoriety of spilling his juice or dumping eggs on his neighbor's lap.

Disregarding the many nervous laughs and jokes, a few burned fingers dipped in hot coffee, some not finding the sugar or butter, and the normal Lions activities — which included Tail Twister Mike Nooner assessing fines — the Oaklawn Lions did develop a new awareness of blindness, and perhaps a new respect for the work AEB is doing.

Although they understood they could remove their blindfold at any time and see, of course at the risk of a Tail Twister's fine, the experiences left its impact on the members. Both Mayor Ellsworth and Judge McCuen echoed these sentiments as they spoke while still blindfolded.

Ellsworth, referring to AEB, said the experience "brought vividly to attention a very important project." McCuen noted the experience was an opportunity "to realize what we as Lions can do to aid those who are blind."

L. J. Hines developed the experiment and made the blindfolds. The meeting was covered by the Hot Springs **Sentinel-Record** and the reporter and photographer weren't blindfolded. This led Mayor Ellsworth to comment, "I don't think it's fair (the press not being blindfolded), however, . . . it's probably the only time they haven't been."

Where's The Sugar?

AH, FOUND IT! — Now if I can find my cup. Tim Austin, an Oaklawn Lion, makes the best of being blindfolded during the club's blindness awareness meeting.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Mrs. Betty Miller (AEB '77) of Tulsa, Okla., reports she is looking for volunteer work outside her home. "I've been on the receiving end so long," she writes, "now I want to help others." Mrs. Miller was the subject of a feature story in the Tulsa **Tribune** while in training at AEB that has been reprinted by AEB for use in our public education program. Mrs. Miller says her Braille is coming along fine, but her mobility needs work.

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AEB has learned that Jeffrey Shaffer (TSR '77) of Plymouth, Ind., was married on November 5 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jeffrey is employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Helena, Mont.

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Kerry Bird (TSR '77) of Shreveport, La., has become the first blind tax auditor hired by the Internal Revenue Service. This position is one grade above the Taxpayer Service Representative position that Kerry trained for at AEB. He is employed in New Orleans.

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The Tennessee Insurors Association's 84th annual convention honored Bill O'Kain (AEB '55) of Oak Ridge, Tenn., as the Tennessee Insuror of the Year for 1977. The award is the highest individual award given by the Tennessee association. O'Kain was named "an outstanding alumnus of AEB" in 1976.

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Another former AEB trainee, Joe Tatum (AEB '70) of Shreveport, La., was featured in the Shreveport **Times** concerning his work with the Optacon. Joe, who is a Braille instructor and counselor for the Adjustment and Vocational Evaluation Center for the Blind in Shreveport, trained at AEB in the Optacon in 1977.

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The foreword for Anita Bryant's book, **The Anita Bryant Story**, was written by Nancy Vanderhider (AEB '71) of Houston, Texas. Nancy typed the rough draft of the manuscript, then wrote a letter to Anita Bryant after finishing the work. Miss Bryant requested the letter to be used as the foreword.

29th TSR CLASS — Those involved in the 29th TSR class are [from left] Mrs. Margaret Hooper, instructor; Philip Lamb, Joe Smith, Craig Bosworth, Tony Maese, Tom Cottrell, Gregory Boss, Nancy Byers, Frank Barata, Ted Gronich and Art Goodwin, instructor.

Senate Confirms Former Senator's Aide' Robert Humphreys, As State RSA Commissioner

Robert R. Humphreys was confirmed September 28 as the eighth Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW). He replaces Dr. Andrew Adams, a 1976 visitor to AEB.

Humphreys, a lawyer and Special Counsel on the U.S. Senate's Committee on Human Resources for seven years, is also the first administrator of the newly-formed Administration for Handicapped Individuals (AHI).

As RSA Commissioner, Humphreys will administer the one billion dollar State-Federal programs of vocational rehabilitation services serving more than one million handicapped Americans annually. In the past he has played roles in drafting the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, its 1974 amendments, the Randolph-Sheppard Act for the Blind amendment and the Black Lung Benefits Act.

AEB's executive director, Roy Kumpe, recently visited the new Commissioner and expressed the rehabilitation center's congratulations on his appointment, and AEB's full cooperation in programs for the blind.

Seven Saudi Arabians Tour AEB Facilities

When seven directors and teachers from the Institute for the Blind in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, visited agencies in the United States serving the blind, they chose AEB as their first stop.

The group, on a 10-day tour, met three of their fellow countrymen who are receiving professional training at AEB. This brings to four the number of Saudi Arabians trained at AEB within the past year.

One of the visitors was the brother-in-law of Saleh Muhanna, a former AEB trainee who is now an official in the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education working with the blind. Saleh is one of the group pictured in AEB's international photo demonstration that blindness crosses all frontiers.

Alumni Newsletter

Numerous inquiries have been made by former trainees about the alumni newsletter mentioned several months back in **New Life**. The project is still under consideration and all intentions are to go ahead and produce the newsletter.

Plans call for the newsletter to be put on tape and mailed quarterly. Those receiving the tape would be asked to return them to AEB for use for the next issue.

AEB Graduates Nine From 29th TSR Class

Nine blind or visually impaired trainees completed Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's 29th Taxpayer Service Representative class on November 30.

The nine brings to 189 the trainees prepared since 1967 as income tax information expediters for the Internal Revenue Service. AEB is the only training facility for this type program for the blind.

Job openings for this class include Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Hartford, Conn., and Columbia, South Carolina. The graduates have been interviewing for the openings and are expected to be working soon.

TSR is one of eight vocational programs provided by AEB and is conducted in cooperation with the state agencies serving the blind and the IRS national office in Washington, D.C.

Class members are Nancy Byers of Pittsburgh, Tom Cottrell of Minneapolis, Ted Gronich of New York City, Frank Barata of El Cerrito, Calif., Gregory Boss of Grand Rapids, Mich., Craig Bosworth of Pascagoula, Miss., Philip Lamb of Macon, Ga., Tony Maese of El Paso, Tex., and Joseph Smith of Buffalo, N.Y.

Rives Re-Elected President Of NAC

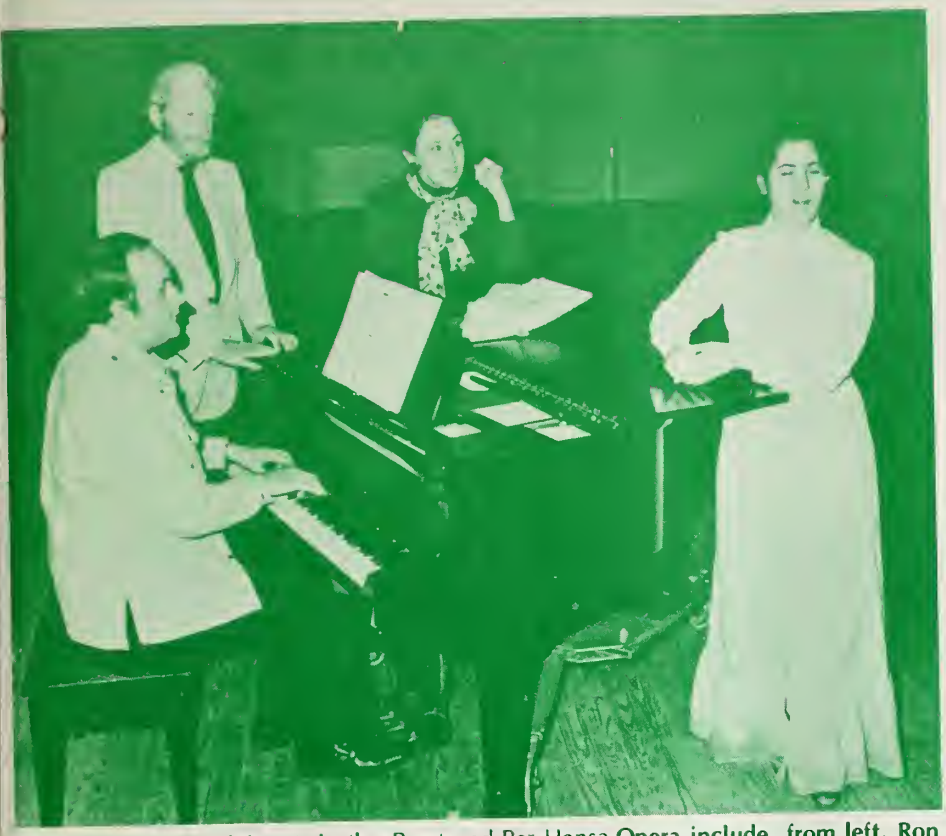
Louis H. Rives Jr., administrator of the State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, was recently re-elected to a second two-year term as president of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC).

The election was held at NAC's annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

A three-term NAC director, Rives was first elected the organization's president in November, 1976, in Little Rock. Rives was an organizer of NAC in 1967.

Prior to being appointed OBVI's administrator in 1975, Rives was research and staff development director at AEB.

Three agencies in Arkansas are accredited by NAC. They are the AEB, a charter member; the Arkansas School for the Blind, and the OBVI.



REHEARSAL — Participants in the Beret and Per Hansa **Opera include, from left, Ron Ballard of Little Rock, Ernest Hagen of Casper, Wyoming, Blanche Thebom of Little Rock, and Linda Smalley of Buffalo, N.Y.**

AEB Trainee Completes Opera, Second Trainee Has Lead Role

Two Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind trainees are playing major roles in the production of **Beret and Per Hansa**, an opera scheduled for presentation on January 29 at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Ernest Hagen of Casper, Wyoming, is the opera's author and Linda Smalley of Buffalo, N.Y., will be singing the lead role of Beret. Both are currently receiving training at the rehabilitation center.

Assisting with the opera's production and completion are Blanche Thebom of Little Rock, Donaghey Distinguished Professor of Music and director of Opera UALR, and Ron Ballard of Little Rock, organist and accompanist.

Hagen, who is a music teacher and conductor, came to AEB before finishing the opera he has been working on for three years. His loss of sight prevented his finishing the work. He is being sponsored at AEB by the Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

After arriving at AEB, Hagen contacted Miss Thebom, the leading mezzo soprano of the Metropolitan Opera for 20 years, who agreed to assist the effort of finishing the work and presenting it on stage.

Also lending a hand are the three Lions Clubs of Casper, Wyoming. They are contributing funds to assist the opera's production. A special concert was given by the Casper Symphony in early December for the same purpose.

The opera is based on O. E. Rolvaag's "Giants In The Earth." Rolvaag was an instructor at Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., while Hagen was a student at the school. Hagen received his master's from State University of Iowa, Iowa City, and has directed symphony orchestras in Casper and Billings, Montana, and the Scandinavian Orchestra in Denver. He has taught at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, and Casper College, Casper.

Miss Smalley is a Civil Service Information Specialist trainee sponsored by the New York Commission for the Visually Impaired. It is through the cooperation of AEB, the U.S. Civil Service Commission and the New York agency that Miss Smalley will remain at AEB after completing her training to sing the opera's lead.

A soprano, Miss Smalley studied at State University of New York, Buffalo, and Nazareth College, Rochester. She won the role of Beret through an audition held at UALR.

According to Miss Thebom, there's a possibility of the opera being performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The opera has eight soloists, two voice sopranos, a mixed chorus, a male chorus and a ballet.

Mid-Winter Conference Scheduled January 26

Jacksonville is ready for you, but are you ready for Jacksonville?

You have until January 28 to get ready for the Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Conference at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, but it's wise to register early, and it's also helpful to the host club, the Jacksonville Evening Lions, for you to register early.

Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, general chairman of the conference, reports the final details have been worked out, notices mailed to clubs and there are plenty of reservations available in local motels, at least at this time.

Wilkinson also notes that the seating capacity of the banquet area, the Northside Junior High School cafeteria, is only 600. He says tickets to the banquet will be issued on a first to register basis.

International Director Edwin H. Flood of Amarillo, Texas, will be the speaker for the Mid-Winter Banquet.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind will demonstrate the latest electronic aid for the blind, the Kurzweil Reading Machine, during registration hours. Technician from the Cambridge, Mass., firm will be on hand to answer questions and an AEB trainee will do the actual demonstration.

Early bird registration, before January 1, is $7. After the first the cost is $8 per person. Motels available in the Jacksonville area are the Ramada Inn, Holiday Inn and the Town House.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

James Taylor by Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club
Mrs. Alice Fortune Pritchard by Mr. and Mrs. Grady DuVall
Jack East Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pritchard by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Alice F. Pritchard by Little Rock Post Office, NARFE No. 93.
Mindel Self by Mayflower Lioness Club
Mrs. Blanche Portis McClanahan by Robert Sakon
Mrs. Shirlene Horton Lyons by Robert Sakon
Mrs. Susie Holliman by Mrs. Eva R. Kirby
Mrs. Nan Watson by Mrs. Charles Cohen
Warren Pelton by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McAtee, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hille, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Baer, Dr. Millard Black, Lennie M. Thomas
Elvis W. Clark by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phillips
Mrs. Marge Suman by Mrs. John W. Black
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Mrs. Martha Ramey Ebbing by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong
Clifford E. McCloy, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCloy
Mrs. Mittie Jones by Mrs. Cora Means, Mr. and Mrs. Norris White
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Earl L. Armbrust by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Mrs. J. M. Parker by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong
Homer L. Morgret by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle
Mrs. Sallie Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard, Mrs. Carlton Webb
Tom Fred Kennedy by T. L. Gray
Mrs. Jane White by T. L. Gray
Edward B. Lane by Mr. and Mrs. Benton Brandon
Tom Price by Mrs. Elise Diesel
Lion Lee Glasco by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Freeze, Mr. and Mrs. Burk Dabney, Marked Tree Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle D. Sumpter
Dewey Brown, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Graves
Mrs. Elizabeth F. Hill by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Ms. Barbara Beaulieu by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Pat Porterfield by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
J. G. Gould by Ms. Mary K. Gould
Mrs. Judy Harrison by Mrs. W. R. Copeland
Mrs. Frankie Cora Burns by No. Little Rock Lions Club, Mr and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Gatha Dean by Dan Snyder
Mrs. Margaret Sinn by Mrs Arthur Bradley
Mrs. Julia Kidd by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Joel H. Spragins by Mr and Mrs. Dale Hicks

GET WELL CARDS SENT TO:
Charlie Price by Lila Lampkin
Roy Jackson by Lila Lampkin

By-Lions

Lion Elmer Wagner and Lioness Ida of McCaskill (Hempstead County) were honored recently on their 60th wedding anniversary by the Hope Noon Lions. The couple requested any contributions in their honor to be made to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Contributions totaled $205. **New Life** joins the many others in wishing Lion Elmer and Lioness Ida many happy returns. PDG Jim Gunter is president of the Hope Noon Lions.

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Norman Lambert of Hot Springs has been named Lions International's State Secretary for Arkansas Multiple District 7.

Lambert, a native of Amity, Ark., has been a Lion for 20 years and is currently a member of the South Hot Springs Lions with 13 years perfect attendance.

He retired June, 1977, from the Air Force Reserve's 917th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Barksdale (La.) AFB with 34 years of service. He is also retired from OTASCO. Lambert also served three years of active duty with the U.S. Army.

He is married and has two sons and a daughter.

Season's Greetings

May we take this opportunity through our news magazine, **New Life**, to send our best holiday wishes to all who have been so good to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind this year, and in years past. We wish it was practical to send each of you an individual greeting, a letter, a telephone call, or even better, drop by your home or office for a visit, but this we cannot do.

For myself, the officers and Board of Directors of AEB, our staff and trainees and all our families, we pray for your health and happiness this holiday season.

Anthel Marlin

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Editorial

A Perplexing Problem Solved

There's just not an easy way of saluting Roy Kumpe and his 40 years of service to the blind. Wes Smelley, AEB's first vice-president, and his sub-committee can vouch for the difficulty.

Complicating what would be a difficult task at best is the fact that Roy Kumpe has received so many international, national, regional, state and other awards for this work. His office resembled a display room in a trophy shop.

He had previously received Lions International's two highest awards, the Ambassador of Goodwill and the Humanitarian Award. Lions International President Joseph McLoughlin had to create a special citation for this latest occasion.

After Governor David Pryor declared February 5 as Roy Kumpe Day, KARK-TV saluted the event, the Arkansas GAZETTE did a feature story in its Omnibus section, his portrait was hung in AEB's auditorium with the other founders of AEB, and similar notice was given his work from other areas; the opportunities for AEB's Board of Directors were reduced somewhat.

Something special was needed and the Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund was deemed suitable. It seems only natural that Roy Kumpe's work of 40 years should be shared with those engaged in the field today, and with those choosing this type career in the future.

A Fellowship Fund is appropriate.

Through this effort, AEB will share the experience and expertise it has gleaned since 1939 with those rehabilitation counselors, rehabilitation teachers, orientation and mobility instructors, graduate students and others who are working with the blind.

Under the Fellowship plan, one week of in-service training will be provided those awarded a Fellowship. Their transportation and their expenses while traveling will be covered by the Fund, as well as the one week tuition and any materials relating to their program at AEB they need during their stay at the rehabilitation center. Room and board will be covered, at least in the beginning, through AEB's operating budget.

While AEB works with the Fellowship recipient, we are also giving them a first-hand look at the facilities, staff, programs and all the areas of AEB. This will promote a better understanding for those working with the blind about AEB's comprehensive training program.

Of course, the Roy Kumpe Fellowship will never express the proper appreciation unless the Fellowship truly serves the purpose intended. This brings us to the method of establishing and financing the fund. It would be impertinent using AEB's budget, except for room and board assistance in the very beginning, for this fund.

The Board of Directors voted to accept this plan and establish the fund only through gifts made specifically for that purpose. Your tax deductible gift to the Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund will be the only funding available for this program. Without your assistance, the program will die on the vine, and so will AEB's tribute for Roy Kumpe's 40 years.

Think about it!

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No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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Sustaining Memberships Nearing Record Results

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's once a year mailing to Sustaining Memberships is nearing last year's results. As of January 18, $10,311 has been contributed by 495 members.

Last year, the rehabilitation center's best for sustaining memberships, $11,218 from 580 members was donated.

Mailed in late November, the sustaining membership is available for any gift up to $99. Between $100 and $499, gifts are designated Sponsoring Members, and above the $500 level, donors qualify for membership in the Order of the Silver Cane. Their name is then listed on a plaque in AEB's lobby and they receive a lapel pin.

Members who respond also receive a year's subscription to NEW LIFE and a membership card.

Lions Charter New Club In L

Arkansas Lions greeted a new Lions Club, the first for 1978, on February 9 at the Diamondhead Club House, Hot Springs.

Diamondhead Lions Club, sponsored by the Malvern Lions was officially chartered and welcomed into the fold. Guest speaker for the Charter banquet was Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, past International Director and a candidate for Lions International 3rd vice-president.

The new club is in District L. District Governor is Billy Crutchfield of Mena.

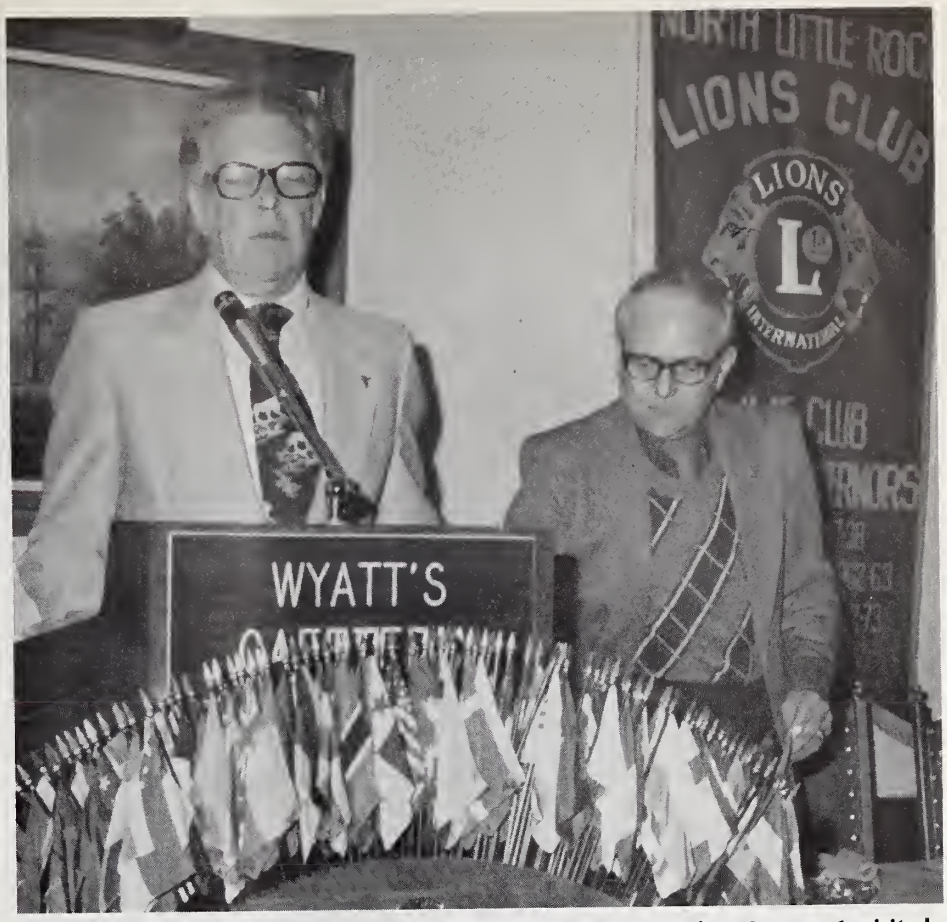
T. C. Marshall of the Malvern Lions is guiding Lion. Robert A. Schneider was charter night chairman.

The Travelers

The earth rotates,
Time goes by.
Men build rocket ships,
And explore the sky.
They find happiness and sorrow,
They find the unknown.
They find out how it really is,
To be alone.

Peter Allen Miner (AEB '77-'78)

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second poem by Petter Allen Miner, a trainee from Oklahoma, that has appeared in NEW LIFE. More are planned, but Allen would like some response to his work. If you have any comments on his poetry, please address them to: Editor, NEW LIFE.



HANSON SPEAKS — Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director since January 1, visited the North Little Rock Lions Club and spoke on his background, his work with Lions and his first impressions of being an "Arkie." Hanson, a past District Governor from South Dakota, was introduced by Anthel Marlin, AEB president.

New Supplement For Project With Industry' Grant Worth $100,000

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, with tremendous assistance from the state's congressional delegation, received a $100,000 supplement to its "Project With Industry" grant.

Robert R. Humphreys, the newly appointed commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, notified AEB that its application for a sixth year increment was approved.

Under the sixth year of this grant, AEB will continue its efforts of placing blind individuals in private industry as information expediters, promote new positions through a job placement specialist and continue the training of Civil Service Information Specialist with the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

It was the work with the CSIS program that obtained the first PWI grant. In the five full years since the grant was initially procured in 1973, 44 CSIS's have been trained. The expansion to private industry was made in 1975 and 34 individuals have been placed in switchboard operator, personnel interviewer, long-distance operator, theatre projectionist, weather bureau dispatcher and similar positions.

A total of 79 blind individuals have been placed in either government or private business in the program's five years. The new supplement continues this work.

AEB Executive Director Howard H. Hanson points out that the program has been a huge boost to the income of the blind, and that many individuals being placed are finding jobs that wouldn't be open without AEB's work with the employers.

Green Forest Lions Give $1,000 To MDEC

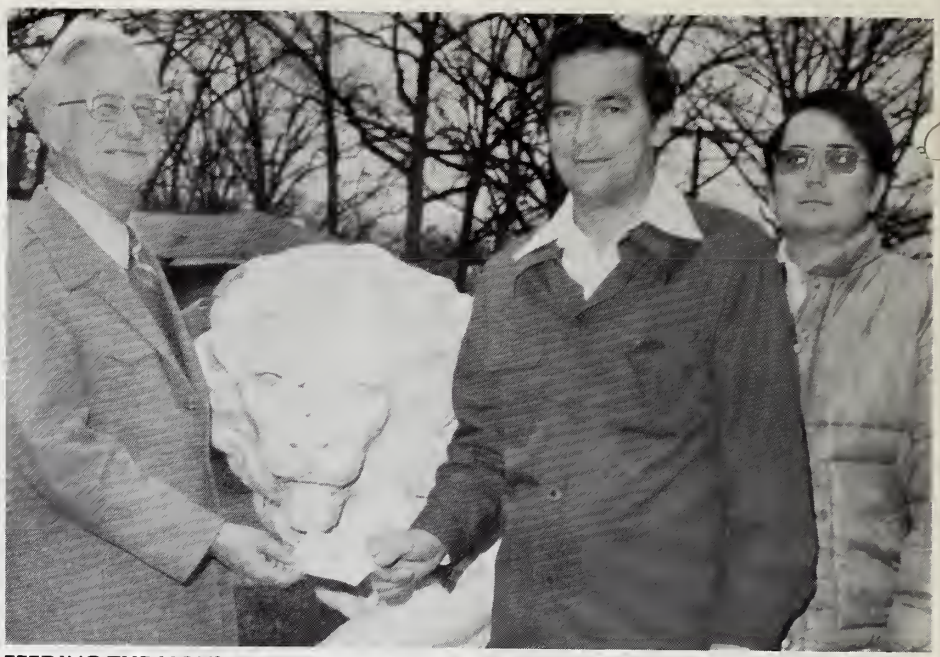
For a small, north Arkansas community with a Lions Club totaling 22 members, $13,000 raised for various Lion related activities over the last three years may sound like a "tall tale," but its true.

Club President Gearl Atchley, a recent kidney recipient, was in Little Rock recently to deliver a $1,000 check to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Million Dollar Expansion Campaign and vouched for the figure.

"We raise money several ways," the president reports, "White Cane, light bulbs and auctions, including auctioning a calf that wouldn't stay home and was reported in November NEW LIFE."

The money is also used for different projects. He names, in addition to the AEB building program, $3,000 assistance provide the Dean Simpson family (he was a trainee at AEB in 1976) after his blindness and $6,000 to purchase a kidney dialysis machine.

Atchley lists hard work and a sincere desire to assist others as the primary motivator for the club's action.



FEEDING THE LION? — It may appear AEB's Lion statue is biting the check for $1,000 that Roy Kumpe, [left] AEB's former executive director, and Geral Atchley, [center] president of the Green Forest Lions Club, are holding. The contribution was for the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. Both Lion Geral and onlooker Bill Basler of Green Forest, are kidney recipients.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Osceola Lions are offering their neighbors in the community the opportunity of assisting the Club in the collection of old and unused eyeglasses and frames. Several collecting points, including banks, shopping centers and restaurants, are being located throughout the city for the benefit of anyone wishing to donate their eyeglasses. The Club will turn them over to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

AEB sends the unbroken eyeglasses to New Eyes for the Needy in Short Hills, New Jersey. From there they are distributed, on request, to countries around the world. Scrap metal is sold by AEB to a local dealer and annually receives $300 to $400 from the selling of this scrap metal.

District Governor Jerry Markham, 7-S, had an interesting question in his December newsletter. "Are you a sustaining member at AEB?" DG Markham is a sustaining member and urged his readers to follow his example with a $10 gift to AEB's budget.

Three Clubs Will Note 55 Years of Serving Their Community In 1978

Thirty-nine Arkansas Lions Clubs will be observing significant anniversaries of service to their communities in 1978, including four with 50 years or more.

Observing 55 years of Lionism are Russellville, February 15; Fayetteville, May 10; and Mena, June 14. The clubs were chartered in 1923. Russellville and Fayetteville are in District I and Mena is in District L.

Stuttgart was chartered March 20, 1928, and will observe its 50th anniversary this year. Stuttgart is in District N.

Four clubs were chartered in 1943 and will be observing their 35th anniversary. In District L are Benton, July 28; Malvern, November 23 and Arkadelphia, December 13; and in District I is Green Forest, September 30. Clubs chartered in 1953 and marking 25 years of service are Gurdon, August 27, L; Ozark, June 4, I; Imboden, March 25, and Lepanto, December 15, O; Des Arc, June 17, N; and Sheridan, February 2, S.

Twenty-five other clubs are celebrating anniversaries of 20, 15, 10 and five years in 1978. They are, in District L, Mineral Springs, May 1, 15 years; Amity, December 4 and East Camden, January 15, 10 years; and Hatfield, August 28, five years; District I, Berryville, February 28, 20 years; Scanton, May 1, 15 years; Dardanelle, August 6 and Eureka Springs, February 6, 10 years; and Russellville Evening, September 13, five years;

District O, Osceola, April 24, Piggott, August 14, Weiner, February 24, and Wilson, April 29, 20 years; Cherokee Village, August 1, and University Heights, Jonesboro, July 9, 15 years; and Pocahontas, April 25, 10 years;

District N, Bald Knob, April 17, and Devalls Bluff, January 21, 20 years; Colt, February 4, 15 years; and Augusta, March 21, Cotton Plant, January 15, and West Helena Evening, April 23, 10 years;

District S, Hermitage, May 13, and Little Rock Park Plaza, April 10, 20 years; and North Little Rock North Hills, March 9, five years.

Arkansas' oldest Lions club is the Little Rock Founders, chartered by Lions International on March 10, 1916, giving the club 62 years of service. The club is also the oldest in point of continuous service in Lions International.

SAC and Staff Exchange Thoughts For 29th Time

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's latest listening session with its consumers, the 29th Service Advisory Council meeting in December, once again brought the staff new ideas and suggestions for improving services.

Fifteen state agency directors, rehabilitation counselors or former AEB trainees attended working sessions on the 13th and 14th of the month. More than a dozen AEB staff members participated in these meetings. Twelve different states were represented on this year's Council.

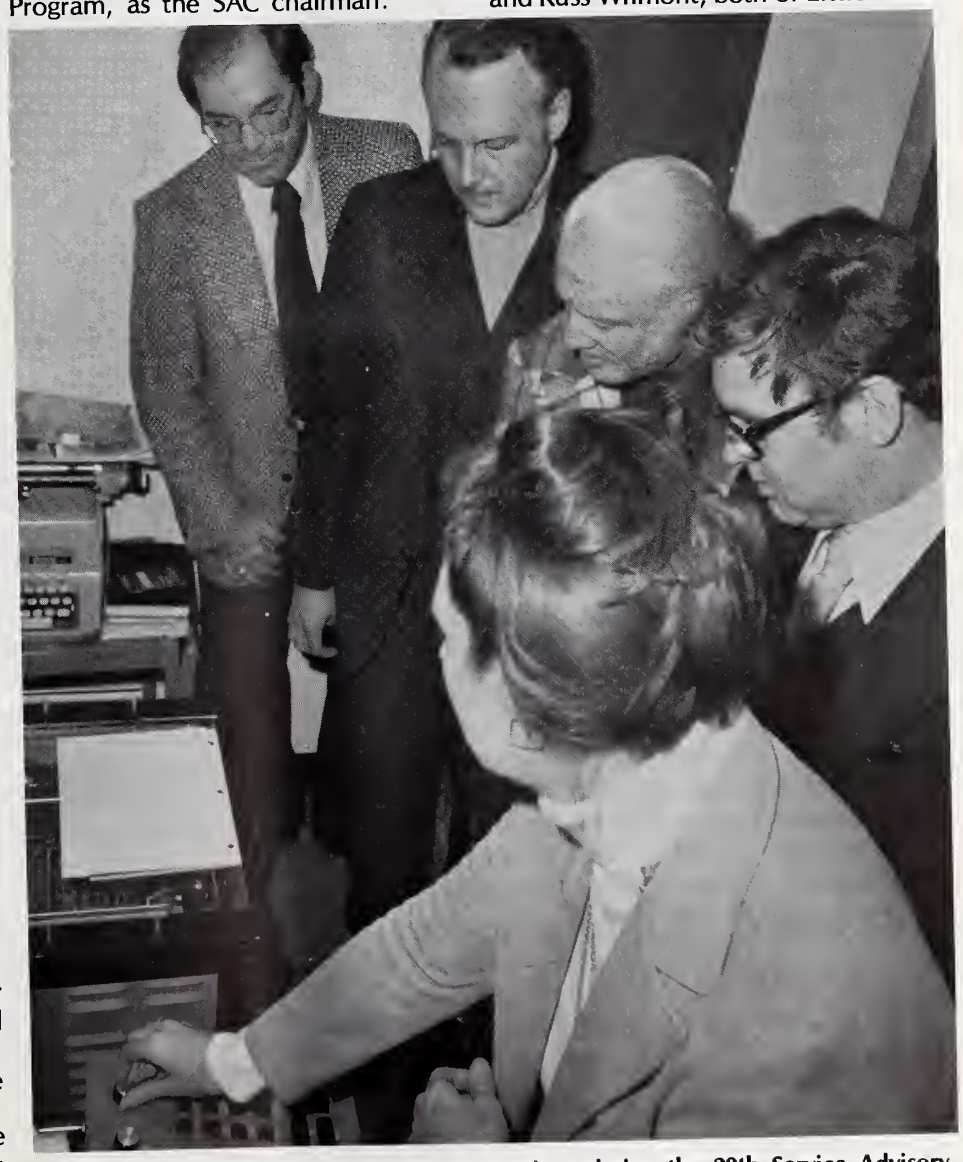
The Council, chaired by Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, La., approved AEB's trend towards new vocational courses and "urged the rehabilitation center to remain innovative and creative in vocational courses and new job opportunities for the blind." Members of the Council also expressed "a need for better communication and closer coordination with agencies concerning new programs."

They recommended AEB use more tape and Braille production of vocational brochures and design multimedia packages that would function as "recruitment tools" for AEB, as well as information packages for rehabilitation counselors. The Council expressed a belief this would improve prospective trainee's and rehabilitation counselor's knowledge of AEB's work.

Members of the Council discussed accreditation of AEB's programs by the National Accreditation Council and strongly supported the rehabilitation center's tie with the accrediting body. The visitors also heard AEB's appeal for increases in tuition fees and voted their full backing for an increase.

Final activity of the meeting was the re-election of Vernon Broussard, administrator, Louisiana Blind Service Program, as the SAC chairman.

Those attending were Broussard, Louisiana; Travis Harris of Oklahoma City; Claude Seale of Nashville, Tenn.; Harold E. Payne of Lansing, Mich.; Marvin J. Flander of Carson City, Nev.; Wayne Sanders of Marietta, Ga.; Gerald Olerud of St. Paul, Minn.; Rodney Kossick of Madison, Wis.; Keith Beachner of Harrisonburg, Pa.; Art Leindecker, Jefferson City, Mo.; Michael Dziokonski, Boston; Dr. Russell Myers, Woodbury, Tenn.; Dr. Larry Baker, St. Louis; and Louis Rives and Russ Wilmont, both of Little Rock.



KURZWEIL READS! — One of the top attractions during the 29th Service Advisory Council meeting was a demonstration of the Kurzweil Reading Machine. Looking on are [from left] Dr. Larry Dickinson, AEB research consultant; Gerald Olerud, St. Paul, Minn., Travis Harris, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dr. Larry Baker, St. Louis, Mo., and [in foreground] Marion Madison, AEB speech pathologist and keeper of the Kurzweil.

Handicapped Riders Get Reduced Fares

The blind, other handicapped individuals and the elderly can now ride buses belonging to the Central Arkansas Transit at a reduced fare without any time restrictions.

The 15 cents, plus 5 cents for transfer, fare had previously been in effect only between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. This restriction was lifted by the Transit Policy Board in December and now allows the reduced rates at any hour weekdays and Saturdays.

Eligibility for the elderly is their Medicare card, but the blind and other handicapped persons will be required to carry CAT's identification cards. Applicants for the ID card may be obtained from the CAT office.

On two occasions, AEB attended the policy board meetings and spoke in favor of the reduced rates. Roy Rumpe, executive director, and Jim Davis, director, Community Relations, represented AEB at the hearings.

ARKANSAS TRAVELER — Tom Cottrell [right] felt like an Arkansas Traveler even before Governor David Pryor made it official with an Arkansas Traveler certificate. Tom traveled the length and breadth of Arkansas entertaining Lions, giving demonstrations of aids for the blind and talking about AEB. He's showing the certificate, arranged for by the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, to Johnette Weiss, abacus instructor.

Tom Cottrell — A Minnesotan With A Dixieland Personality

Countless miles behind him, more than 1,600 individuals entertained and six-months as a trainee at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. After that, Tom Cottrell was ready to go home.

He had certainly earned the trip.

A Minneapolis native who entered AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative training program in July, 1977, Tom won the love and respect of a large contingent of Arkansas Lions and Lionesses with his willingness to share his talents. A singer, guitarist, pianist and songwriter, Tom had the talent and enjoyed sharing them.

Whenever Tom visited a group, however, he brought along more than musical ability, but other skills as well. He enjoyed meeting and visiting with Lions and others.

"I taught school on an Indian reservation in North Dakota (the Dakota Sioux reservation) and in the ghetto of Minneapolis," Tom explained to one Lions club, "believe me, I'm thankful you Lions have provided a place where I can learn a new vocation."

A graduate of Concordia College in Morehead, Minnesota, Tom was a teacher and musical director before coming to AEB.

Some of his entertaining at AEB included appearing before 25 Lions Clubs or other groups, entertaining more than 1,600 persons and demonstrating several aids for the blind at several of these meetings, and traveling to places like Eudora, Salem, Forrest City, Ashdown, Murfreesboro, Hot Springs, Fairfield Bay and several others. Tom traveled at least 2,000 miles.

His last two appearances were two that he stayed over after completing his TSR work to do. One was a meeting by the Little Rock Founders Lions Club at AEB. Lions International's oldest club presented Tom with an Arkansas Traveler certificate on behalf of Governor David Pryor, and gave him a cash gift for his willingness to share his talents. The following evening, Tom was one of five AEB trainees entertaining the Fairfield Bay Lions at their Christmas party.

This program, just as the talent show for the annual Visiting District Governor's Day, was arranged and prepared by Tom. He coordinated the music and those singing.

Where's Tom Cottrell now? Cleveland, Ohio, working as a TSR for the Internal Revenue Service. Just what he wants to be doing, just what AEB prepared him to do.

Good luck, Tom, and thanks for the songs!

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Ray Franklin (AEB '74) of Pine Bluff, Ark., has been involved in real estate work since leaving AEB. He currently holds his broker license. Ray, who plans to open his own office soon, is a member of the Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club.

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Martha Howell (AEB '76) of Jackson, Pa., writes that she is getting along fine and was recently asked to give a talk on AEB and the services the rehabilitation center provides. She included a poem she had written while at AEB. It will be used in a later edition of NEW LIFE.

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Carolyn Cox (AEB '73) of Lake Village, a member of the '73 College Prep group who also stayed some additional time for training, is now a senior at the University of Arkansas-Monticello majoring in psychology.

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Word was received in early December of the death of Rick Crider (AEB '77) of Tulsa, Okla. He died December 5.

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The partnership of Dennis Smith (Optocan '75) and Sears continues to grow. The giant department store chain named the Memphis resident as personnel manager of the Credit Control Unit at Birmingham, Ala., on January 3. Dennis and his family were recent AEB visitors.

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Olimpia Martinez (AEB '59 and '69) of Aztec, New Mexico, was the subject of a feature article in the REVIEW, the local newspaper. Olimpia is working as a teacher's aide at McCoy Elementary School, the same one her 8-year old son, Michael, attends.

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AEB recently received word from John Klingman (AEB '71) of Chappell, Neb., from the Chappell Lions Club. He was asked to tune the club's piano and in turn requested the Lions send his fee for this service to AEB.

Kumpe Co-Chairs Aging Conference

Roy Kumpe, AEB's former executive director, will serve as co-chairman of the Second National Conference on Aging and Blindness scheduled March 27-30 in Atlanta, Ga.

"Independence with Dignity: Action '78" is the theme of the conference which will be developing information and recommendations for the White House Conference on Aging in 1981.

The conference will focus on three levels of concern: the individual/recipient level emphasizing rights, responsibilities and benefits; system/service level stressing advocacy role and technological developments; and the legislative/policy level working with national priorities and public awareness.

Serving with Kumpe as co-chairman will be Harry F. Walker, deputy director, Maryland Office on Aging and chairman of the American Foundation for the Blind's Advisory Committee on Aging.

The International services for the Blind, of which Kumpe serves as president, will share in the conference.

OPENING DAY — Anthel Marlin, AEB's president, was one visitor who dropped in on the nation's first Community Service Advisor training course for the blind. Melissa Mylam, [standing, left] the course's instructor, explains the vocational course to Marlin. The training, which started December 1, has five members and will run approximately six months.

ANOTHER SBM GRADUATE — Charles Armstrong of Port Huron, Mich., finished his Small Business Management training on December 9. Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, presented the Michigan resident with a Certificate of Achievement. In the background is SBM instructor, Mrs. Marion Biddle.

CSIS CLASS — Two U.S. Civil Service Commission employees, three CSIS graduates and the course instructor are involved in this photo. From left, there's Midge Morrow and Jackie Evans, U.S. Civil Service Office, Little Rock; Sandra Taylor of Syracuse, N.Y., Ann Grant of Seattle, Wash., Linda Smally of Buffalo, N.Y., and Debbie Maglothin, AEB instructor. This class brings to 45 the number who have completed this course.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Brooks Bradley by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reynolds
Chester Brzeski, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson
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Don New by Dr. Robert Miller
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Editorial

What Winter Did That Wasn't Nice!

There was a time in January when it appeared all of Arkansas was going to be whipped by "ole man winter." Snow and ice arrived in the state more often than AMTRAK. Maintained a better schedule, too.

It got so that Arkansans were waking each morning to their favorite radio announcer listing those places closed for the day. Instead of music we had sleet tapping on the windows.

It wasn't all funny. A school in northwest Arkansas is reported to have held only one day of school between January 1 and middle February. Schools and businesses in central Arkansas fared some better, but many were closed for more than a week, some almost two.

One place didn't close. The AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Even on the day the weather was too rough for the mailman to make his rounds, AEB was open. We did close our doors to keep the cold out, but training continued as ever.

True, mobility instruction seldom ventured outside, and certainly not downtown. Ice made the sidewalks and streets too dangerous, and the cold was too . . . too . . . too cold!

There were two occasions when AEB's staff left early to avoid being stranded by heavy snow or caught in the traffic. But nary a day went by that less than half of it wasn't devoted to rehabilitation training.

Actually, several staff members stayed overnight at the rehabilitation center so they could be available when needed.

Winter's knockout punch was illness — both staff and trainees. A large number of trainees contacted the flu and more than a half dozen were quarantined in their rooms. Again, staff members volunteered. They came early so they could carry breakfast trays, carried trays at lunch, and stayed late to carry supper trays, give medicine and read mail.

Through the worst of this winter, Arkansas' worst in recent years, AEB remained open, providing rehabilitation training and caring for those in its care. Without the loyalty and dedication of its staff, there might be a different story . . . but there's not!

Isador Scrinopskie

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has lost another firm supporter and true friend. Isador Scrinopskie, 85, a resident of both Little Rock and North Little Rock, died January 23.

A member of the North Little Rock Lions for 33 years, Scrinopskie believed that what he "left behind could carry on the support of those he assisted during his lifetime." In keeping with that philosophy, he named AEB to be the recipient of $5,000 from his estate, and left another $1,000 to the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign.

While financial support is important to AEB's work, Lion Scrinopskie's philanthropy didn't stop there. He continuously "talked-up" AEB to others. He made public his will for NEW LIFE in hopes others would follow suit and put AEB in their will.

"Too many people forget those who have helped them throughout their life, but not me," was the way he stated his reasons for being outspoken for AEB and other human services agencies.

His obituary listed memberships in numerous organizations, but an unusual listing was his membership in AEB. He considered himself, and rightfully so as a Lion, a shareholder of AEB. Memorials in his memory were requested for AEB and two other groups.

Isador Scrinopskie will be missed.

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Ernest Gephardt (right) assists Ben McCoy of Louisiana in the operation of AEB's planner, a gift from the Little Rock Oak Forest Lions Club. There's a story on Page 6 giving details of the new equipment.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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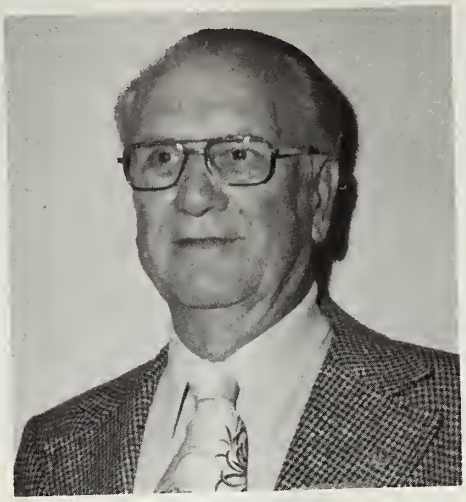

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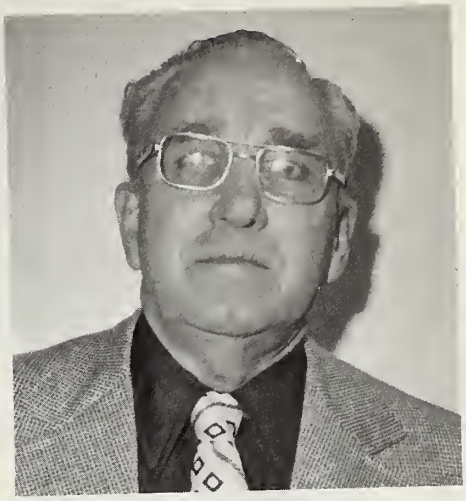

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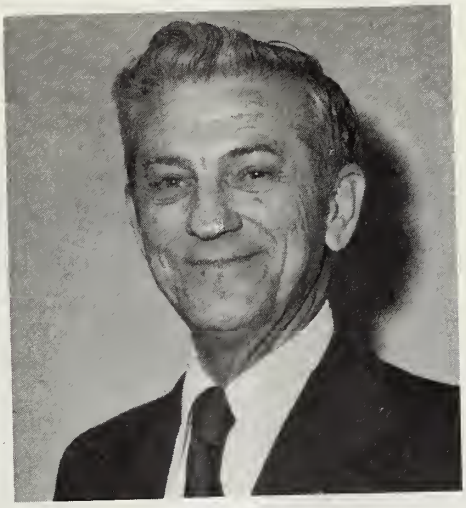

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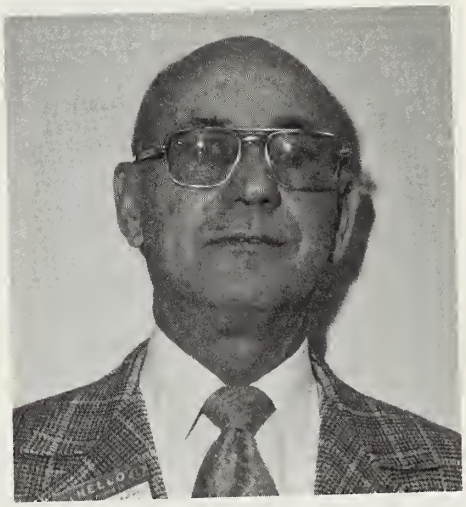


DOUG WILKINSON
District S

Royce Pendergrass

Elected to serve as district governor for 7-L was Royce Pendergrass of Hope, currently serving as deputy district governor. He is a past president of the Hope Noon Lions and has served on the club's executive board for several years. Pendergrass is director of instruction at the Red River Vo-Tech School.

Lion Pendergrass and his wife, Alice, are the parents of two children.

Einar T. Strand

The new District Governor in 7-I is Einar T. Strand of Eureka Springs. A Lion for 10 years, he served as secretary and president of the Haysville, Kan., Lions before transferring to Eureka Springs in 1973. He served the Arkansas club as president and his District as zone chairman. He has sponsored 20 new Lions and holds the Master Key.

A retired dental laboratory technician, Lion Strand and his wife, Kathoyne, have five children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Harold J. Plank

District Governor-elect in District O is Harold J. Plank of Horseshoe Bend. A Lion for 28 years, Plank has served as president, secretary and director of clubs in Mount Vernon, Iowa; and Dysart, Iowa, prior to joining the Horseshoe Bend Lions in 1976. This past year he was zone chairman for region three.

Lion Plank is a retired school superintendent. He and his Lioness, Cele, have three children and four grandchildren.

Freddie A. Joyce

Freddie A. Joyce of Searcy is the new District Governor for District N. He is going on eight years as a Lion and the same number of perfect attendance years. He is past-president of the Searcy Lions, 100 percent president, Key Member and has sponsored 11 new Lions. He has served as deputy district governor twice.

Lion Joyce is credit manager of Central Arkansas General Hospital in Searcy. He and his Lioness, Audrey, have two children.

Douglas Wilkinson

Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, general chairman of the 1978 Mid-Winter Conference, is the District Governor-elect for 7-S. He has 17 years perfect attendance, has served his club and district on numerous levels and has been the Parade Marshal for Arkansas in 1976 and '77. He holds the Master Key and an Extension Award.

Lion Wilkinson is retired from the Air Force and owns Doug Wilkinson Realty Co. Inc. He and his wife, Lois, have five children and four grandchildren.

Roy Kumpe Day Highlighting 40 Years Working For the Blind

His state, fellow rehabilitation workers for the blind, Lions, former AEB trainees, staff members, friends and family paid tribute on February 5 to Arkansas' premier rehabilitation worker for the blind — Roy Kumpe.

Retiring after 40 years of service, 39 of them as executive director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Roy Kumpe was honored in a style fitting the occasion.

Governor David Pryor began the activities by declaring February 5 as Roy Kumpe Day in Arkansas. He followed this proclamation by attending the Roy Kumpe Appreciation Dinner at the Camelot Inn.

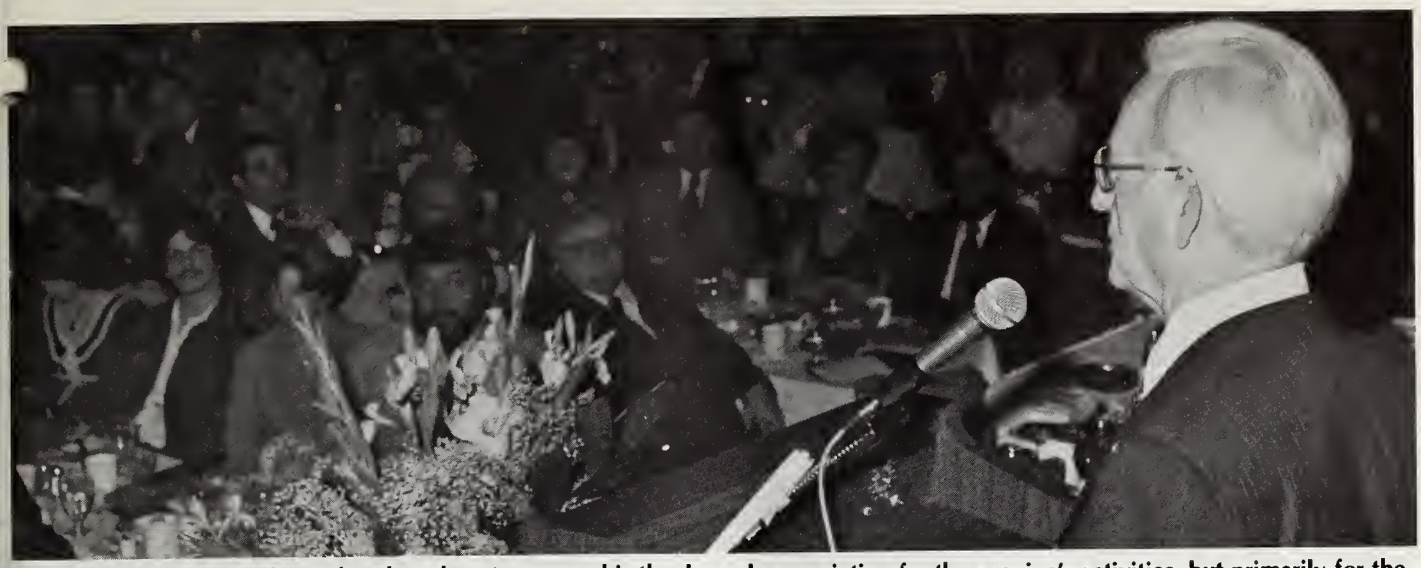
Lions International's first Lion, President Joseph M. McLoughlin of Stamford, Conn., represented the Association's 1.3 million members in honoring Kumpe, a past club charter president and a past district governor.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare was represented by George Magers of Washington D. C., acting assistant commissioner, Office of the Blind and Visually Handicapped, DHEW. He was introduced by Louis H. Rives Jr. of Little Rock, administrator, Arkansas Office of the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Before the evening's Appreciation Dinner, there was a reception at the AEB Rehabilitation Center in his honor. More than 300 guests attended, about the same number attending the dinner.

Lions International president Joseph McLoughlin pins his personal medal of service on Roy Kumpe's lapel.

The Kumpe's — Bernice and Roy



Roy Kumpe took the podium after the others to express his thanks and appreciation for the evening's activities, but primarily for the assistance that contributed to AEB's years of success.

Responsibility for the events originated with the AEB Board of Directors. Edward G. Barry, Sr., past Lions International president, chaired the board's committee. The Little Rock Founders Lions assisted with the activities. Dr. Maurice Friedman served as chairman.

Recognitions of Kumpe's work were made in the form of plaques and awards. The AEB Board of Directors presented a plaque and unveiled a portrait of Kumpe that will hang in the rehabilitation center's auditorium. President McLoughlin presented a special plaque from Lions International and then bestowed his personal medal of service to Kumpe. (McLoughlin also recognized past international president Edward G. Barry, Sr. and Arkansas' past international directors Herman West, M. C. Lewis and Dr. J. M. Fowler in the same manner.)

Kumpe received the official proclamation of Roy Kumpe Day in Arkansas from Governor Pryor and Leon Reid of the Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind gave Kumpe that group's highest award for service to the blind.

Perhaps the major recognition of his work came from AEB's directors when they announced the formation of the Roy Kumpe Fellowships. Vice-president Wes Smelley announced the Fellowships at the dinner. (See story Page 8).

After the speakers and awards were made, Kumpe responded to the day's activities and the support of 40 years. He echoed the spirit of cooperation that made AEB possible and thanked those who made it happen.

From left, Governor David Pryor, Roy Kumpe and Lions International President Joseph McLoughlin at Roy Kumpe Appreciation Dinner.

Anthel Marlin [right] presents Roy Kumpe a plaque from the AEB Board of Directors for Kumpe's 40 years of service to AEB.

Oak Forest Lions Club Gives Equipment To AEB

The AEB Rehabilitation Center takes pride in the modern tools it provides for the blind trainees. Thanks to the Little Rock Oak Forest Lions Club, the rehabilitation center has a new piece of equipment fitting the category.

A Rockwell planer, used to plane rough lumber for use in work evaluation projects, has been donated by the neighborhood Lions Club. Value of the equipment exceeds $2,000.

Ernest Gephardt, AEB work evaluation coordinator and a member of the Oak Forest Lions, says purchasing cheaper lumber for projects is one small benefit of the new machine. "Additional benefits for the trainees," he adds, "will be more confidence, more coordination and experiencing new skills."

Gephardt, who was chairman of the club's committee selecting the machine, says it is "extremely safe for a blind individual to use."

Trainees in this area frequently make jewelry boxes, cassette tape boxes, lamp bases and similar items. Finished wood is a necessity for these projects.

Club secretary Dewey Lantrip points out that the gift is in addition to the club's annual quota for AEB. "Hollis and Company sold the machine to us at cost, plus expenses, which allows the Oak Forrest Lions to maintain our level of support to AEB."

The project began when Earl Whitwell Jr. was president and was completed during Max Edward's term.

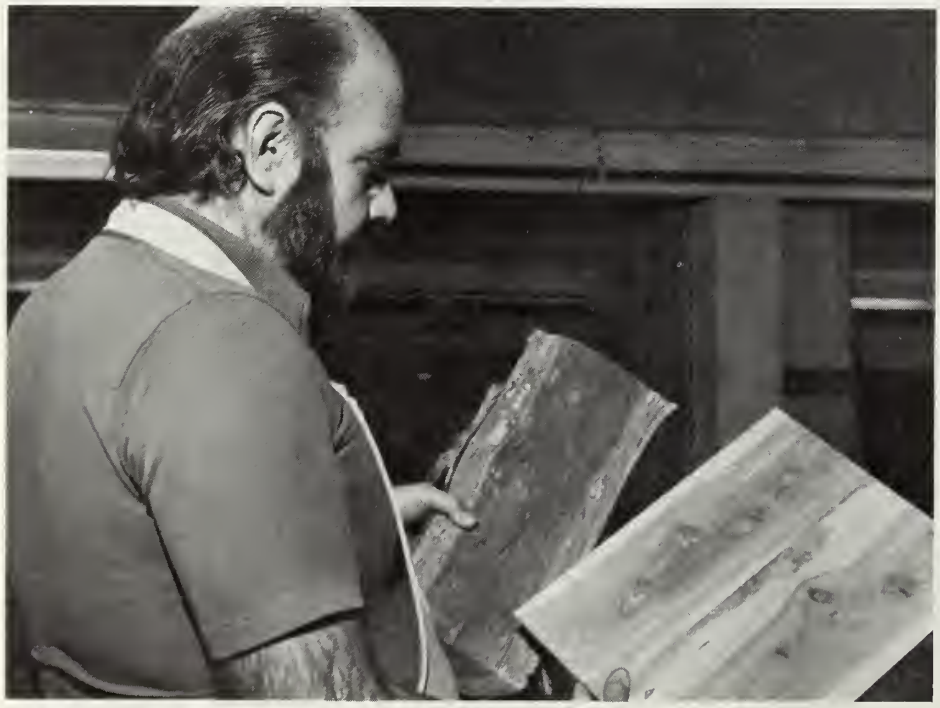
Statistics Reveal Startling Pattern For Arkansas Lions

Twenty-one new members just to realize one Lion!

Those were the startling statistics revealed during the Membership, Retention and Development session at the Mid-Winter Conference in Jacksonville.

According to the report by M. C. Lewis Jr. of Hot Springs, past International Director, Arkansas Lions clubs have taken in 15,880 new members over the past 11 years, but have dropped 15,179 members. During this 11 year span the net gain in Lions has only been 679.

Lion membership in Arkansas currently stands just over 7,000.



BEFORE AND AFTER — Ernest Gephardt, AEB's work evaluation coordinator, holds a piece of wood after being planed [right hand] and a rough piece [left hand]. The planer was a gift to AEB from the Oak Forest Lions Club for use in the rehabilitation center's work evaluation workshop.

FIRST SNOW — John Johnson holds the first snow he has ever seen. The native of Nassau, Bahama, has had plenty of opportunities to enjoy [?] snow this year. The International Services for the Blind-sponsored trainee has been receiving rehabilitation training this winter at AEB.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Allen Emerson Knight of Pine Bluff (AEB '52), one of AEB's early trainees, has completed 25 years with Ben Pearson operations in Arkansas. Other than his work, the 44-year-old former trainee is a ham radio enthusiast and CB operator using the handle, "Mountain Man." He is a musician playing both the guitar and the autoharp. Now a bow string packer for Ben Pearson, he was the subject of a recent newspaper story.

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Bob Fuller of Longview, Tex. (AEB '67) sent Valentine greetings to the rehabilitation staff prior to his leaving on a week-long Valentine cruise.

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Rhea Collett of Dayton, Ohio (College Prep '70 and TSR '71) wrote that she has completed a medical transcription training course at Miami Jacobs Business College in Dayton. She is currently interning as a medical transcriber in a Dayton hospital.

Letter Appeal Asks Lions Support For Building Campaign

Arkansas' 7,000-plus Lions are responding to the latest Million Dollar Expansion Campaign appeal for AEB's building program in growing numbers — 146 responses totaling $2,886.

The number of responses is increasing daily and a full report won't be available until later.

The appeal was a letter from AEB President Anthel Marlin requesting Lions consider a new contribution to the building program, completion of their current pledge or making a new pledge. An envelope was included in the mass mailing for a response.

Marlin says the Board would like the clubs to canvass their members and urge those never making a pledge or donation to consider doing so.

"Many new Lions have joined since the start of this campaign," Marlin points out, "and have never had the opportunity of participating in the effort. Others haven't finished their pledge for one reason or another."

The outstanding debt on the Jim Fowler Building, dedicated April, 1977, is approximately $100,000. "This is the only liability against AEB," he adds.

Begun in 1974 with a goal of raising $1 Million, the campaign has contributed $380,000 towards the new building, plus a $240,000 grant from the Hill-Burton Fund. The Fowler building cost approximately $720,000.

BIG BOOST — The Roy Kumpe Fellowships received a big boost in the form of a $500 check from the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions Club, Kumpe's home club. Howard Hanson [left], AEB's executive director, accepts the donation from Club President Don Puska, AEB's technical specialist, as Wes Smelley, chairman of the committee initiating the Fellowship Fund, looks on. Smelley is also First Vice-president of AEB and a member of the Park Plaza Lions.

Ten Enter Training For TSR As AEB Opens 30th Course

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's 30th Taxpayer Service Representative course preparing blind individuals for possible employment with the Internal Revenue Service opened February 6.

Ten individuals from eight states are enrolled.

The five-month course, there are two annually, concludes June 30. During the training cycle, the trainees will receive extensive training in the tax code and providing information to individuals needing filing assistance.

Prior to entering the course, the ten proved their skills of Braille, math, mobility, typing, telephone courtesy and similar areas to a committee including IRS and AEB staff members.

Graduates from the program will apply for TSR jobs in the 58 regional IRS offices. Starting salary is in the $8,000 range. Since its beginning in 1967, 189 individuals have completed this vocational training, the only one of its kind in the nation.

Members of the class are Glenda Goodwin of Little Rock, Andrew Smith of Memphis, Billy Morrow of Columbia, Tenn., Ming Lee of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bobby Stewart of Valdosta, Ga., Daniel Tucker of Fairhaven, Mass., Samuel Muhammad of Hopkins Park, Ill., Tim Hairston of Axton, Va., Michael Taibi of Glenolden, Pa., and Alice Gallagher of Malvern, Pa.

State Convention Announced

It's state convention time for Arkansas Lions and you have until March 31 to take advantage of "early bird" registration.

Convention Chairman Carl L. Woosley of the Pine Bluff Downtown Lions says the dates are April 14, 15 and 16. Site for the three-day assembly will be the Pine Bluff Convention Center.

Early bird registrants — those before March 31 — can deduct $2 from the $25 fee for Lions, $21 fee for Lionesses and $17.50 fee for Leos. After the 31st, the full $25, $21 and $17.50 is due.

Lion Bob Anderson at 1901 West 40th Street in Pine Bluff, 71603, is accepting registrations.

PID R. W. 'Denny" Dennis of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, will be the principal speaker for the banquet. He was elected International Director during the 1972 convention in Mexico City.

Golf, tennis and bowling activities will be held Friday. Also, again for the early birds arriving Friday, entertainment will be provided that evening in the Convention Center.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Carl Puckett by Mrs. Charles W. Kirby
Vernon Noakes by Veterans Administration Employees, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Noakes, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Durbin, Mrs. Winifred Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McAfee, E.G. Steadman, Dr. and Mrs. M.J. Friedman, Ms. Bonnie S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Walls
H. Mindel Self by Angelo Pappas
Mrs. V. Green by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glenn
Douglas Cruse, Sr. by North Little Rock Lions Club
R. L. Cummings, Sr. by Gurdon Lions Club
Floyd H. Walters by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Henry
Mrs. Roma Henry by Mrs. Mamie Kayser, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lichty, Clyde Hamilton, Ralph O. Mott, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Dick, Ms. Floy Looper, Mrs. John K. Rye, Ms. Rubie Boden, Mrs. A. A. Jones, Ms. Reba Womack, Lowell Perry, Wayne Womack, Mrs. Fowler Van Winkle, Mrs. James R. Purdom, Miss Billie Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Milus Cauthron, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Jordan, Ms. Bertie Ward Foster, Ms. Flossie Gossett, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Light, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bianchi, Dr. Modena Sullivan, Ms. Jimmie Delle Caldwell, Mrs. Robert Murphy, Sr., Mrs. Grace K. Schaap, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkpatrick, Jr.
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Horace Illing by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Dr. J.M. Fowler, Alamo Plaza Hotel
Roy Penix by Jonesboro Downtown Lions Club
Mrs. Frances N. Graves by Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club
Major Neal G. Romich by Misses Mildred and Allagean Lorince, Miss Lila Lampkin
H. G. Bogarth by Dr. J.M. Fowler
Eddie Buerkle by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brinkley, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Owen and Lee, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Owen and Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ballard, Larry Davis Family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude G. Gillette, Dr. and Mrs. Glaude G. Gillette and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mazoue
Earl Scroggin by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Al Isenman, Mrs. Lee T. Pearcy, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Streight, George Rose, Dr. and Mrs. W. Payton Kolb, Dr. J.M. Fowler, Mrs. B.H. Sawyer, Miss Wilma Jimmerson, Mr. and Mrs. Almer Horned, Mrs. JoAnn Cole, Ray Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Kossover, Mrs. S.R. Pinson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cruce, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Hatchett, Miss Imogene Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Slovak, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Lewis
Joe Hutson by John Milbourn
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Mrs. Celia Slater by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duncan
Rev. Mack L. Page by Title I Teacher and Aides-Trenton Special School District
Jack Homan by Mr. and Mrs. Del Roberson
Mrs. Bess McCranie by Family of late Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Glover, Roy Kumpe, and AEB Boards and Staff
Eddie Turner by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder
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Mrs. Agnes Holder by Mr. and Mrs. Del Roberson

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For Roy Kumpe from Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hill

GET WELL CONTRIBUTIONS:
For Mrs. Ada Barry from Miss Lila Lampkin
For Arthur Mills from Miss Lila Lampkin

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTION:
For Mrs. Marie Brown from Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey

Roy Kumpe Fellowship Day

The board of directors of the AEB Rehabilitation Center voted to honor Roy Kumpe's work with the blind through the founding of the Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund.

This fellowship will provide one week of in-service training for a professional rehabilitation worker at the AEB.

It is through such in-service training that AEB can share with others the expertise it has accrued in the field of blindness over the past 40 years. AEB's skills, technology and advanced programs can be a valuable outreach that will expand our work beyond the Little Rock campus.

Your tax deductible gift will make it work. Only if the Fellowship receives your full support will it become a fitting tribute to Roy Kumpe's work.

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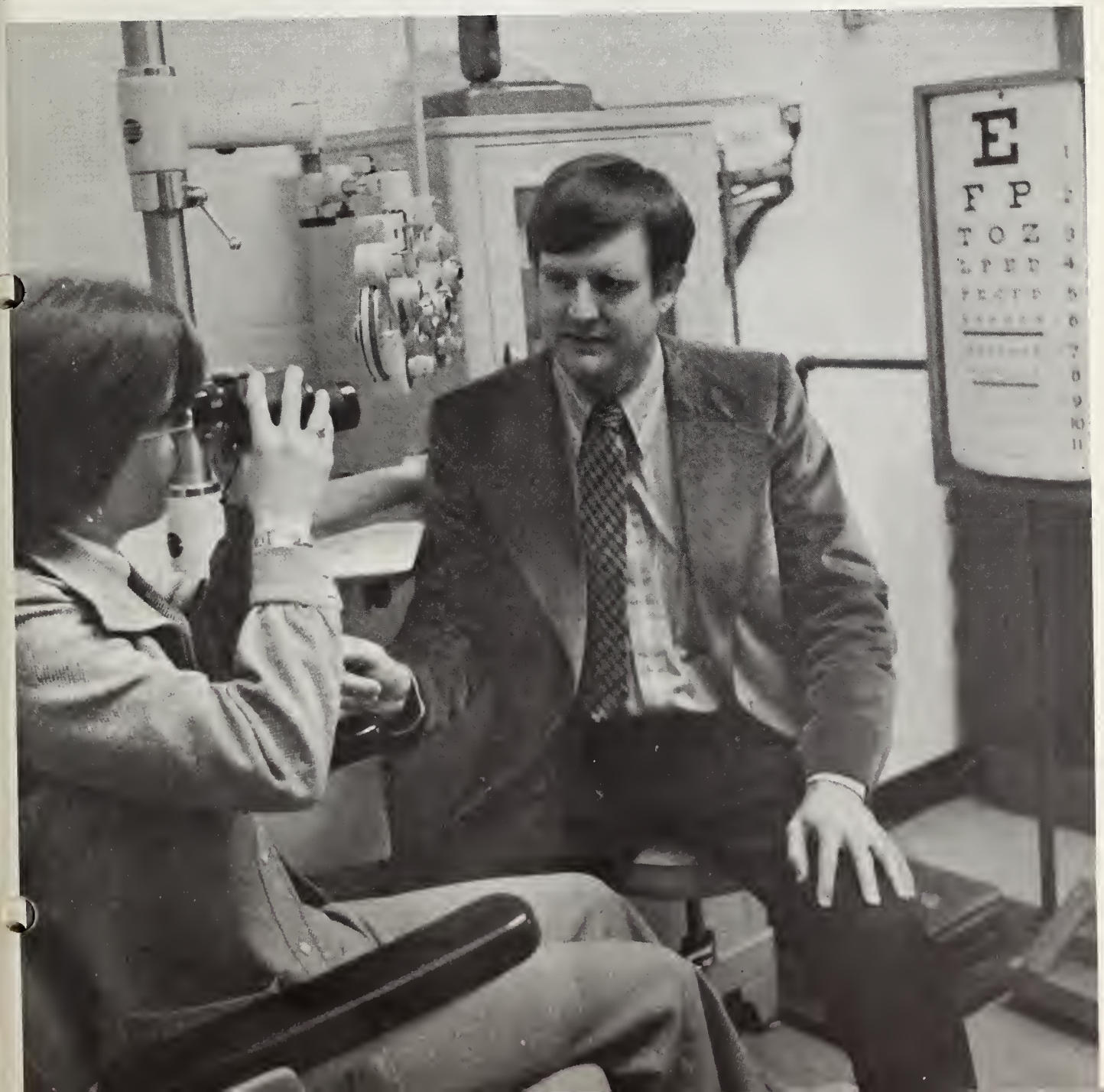

Editorial

Your Charitable Dollars: Give Them Wisely

When there's $26.88 billion on the line, some people or organizations will stop at nothing, nor stoop too low, to get a piece of the pie. Jesse James robbed trains for much less; John Dillinger wouldn't have cleared that much if he had skipped the movie and continued robbing banks.

Robin Hood would be extremely upset if he learned Americans gave away that many billions to charity in 1976 without so much as an arm twist. The greatest amount, $21.44 billion, was gifts from individuals.

While arms may not be twisted, there could be subterfuge involved.

A Des Moines (Iowa) newspaper, The **Register**, did some investigative reporting and discovered 30 of 32 national organizations soliciting money on behalf of the blind failed to meet all standards of two charitable watchdog groups — the National Information Bureau (NIB) and the Council of Better Business Bureau (BBB).

Concern with two Iowa-based organizations — the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) and the American Brotherhood for the Blind (ABB) — touched off the newspaper's curiosity. Neither the NFB nor the ABB meets standards primarily because they withhold information.

(After the appearance of the **Register's** story, Kenneth Jernigan, president of ABB and past president of NFB, resigned as director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind.)

(AEB supporters will recall NFB members picketed both AEB and the Arkansas School for the Blind during the Little Rock-held 1975 annual meeting of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC). Those on the picket line could not explain why they were picketing, other than they were told to do so after being transported into Arkansas from other states. The NFB opposes NAC's standards which require agencies serving the blind meet fair fund raising practices and provide good quality services to the blind. AEB, the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired are members of NAC.)

Arkansans should pay heed because both the NFB and ABB have attempted fund raising endeavors in this state. Their appeal is usually the mailing of unordered merchandise and implied guilt if you don't respond with a contribution.

Both organizations have stated they have ceased mailing unordered merchandise, but a charitable organization registration statement filed in Minnesota by officials of the organizations said they intended continuing mailing unordered merchandise on a national scale.

The AEB Rehabilitation Center's development program has never been reviewed by the NIB or the BBB, but never has any of our efforts been questioned by anyone. Of the eight criteria listed by the NIB as standards that should be met, AEB, and its affiliate, the International Services for the Blind, meet every one with **No Exception.**

Both AEB and ISB are associated with agencies reviewed by the evaluators. NAC, of which AEB is a charter member, meets BBB standards, but is unrated by NIB. M. C. Van de Workeen, NIB executive director, explained their position on NAC:

"The NAC has a function of evaluating agencies within its field. NIB does not undertake to report on organizations of this kind . . ."

The newspaper story reported one group of leaders of blind

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On The Cover

The AEB Rehabilitation Center's Low Vision Aids Service reaches more than 300 individuals annually with services that are available only through this program. For the nation's 6.3 million visually impaired citizens, there are 114 low vision clinics serving them. Dr. Mayne Parker directs AEB's service with assistance from Amy Pais. There's a story on pages four and five.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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Nominations Open For Barry Award

Arkansas Lions Clubs have until June 30 to nominate someone for the Edward G. Barry Sr. Award. This honors a Lion for outstanding sight conservation activities during the year.

Given by the Arkansas Sight Conservation Committee, the award is in honor of the committee's first chairman and now chairman emeritus, Edward G. Barry Sr., past international president.

Last year's award went to James Caldwell of Cherokee Village. Lion Caldwell was honored posthumously for a year's work that purchased eye glasses, conducted glaucoma screenings and eye clinics. He was nominated by the Cherokee Village Lions.

This year's certificate will be given by committee chairman Norris Walthall during the Sight Conservation Forum August 27 at AEB.

Nominations can be a letter or brief resume detailing the person's activities in this area. Emphasis should be given to the different range of activities and the numbers served is important. The nomination should be endorsed by the club.

REQUESTING DIVINE GUIDANCE? — That could be Bob Papman's strategy as Lion Otha McSpadden leads Hale Cook, club president, to the speaker's stand. The Batesville Lions Club conducted a blindness awareness activity in February.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS — Margo McDaneld, a Texan now living in New Orleans but a member of AEB's Community Service Advisor course, demonstrates the Kurzweil Reading Machine for International Director Ed Flood of Texas. Arkansas' PID Dr. Jim Fowler, looks on. The Kurzweil was displayed during the Mid-Winter Conference in Jacksonville.

Lions Active, Charter 3 Clubs, Reorganize 1

Winter may have delayed Arkansas Lions, but when the weather got better, so did the activities regarding chartering new clubs.

Since February, there have been two clubs chartered, one organized, one reorganized and a Leo Club chartered.

Chartered were the Diamondhead Lions in District L on February 24, and the Flippin Lions on March 30.

It took a great deal of perseverance by both the Diamondhead Lions and their sponsoring club, the Malvern Lions, to get the club chartered. It was postponed several times because of the weather.

Flippin, in District I, was chartered with more than 30 members. It is sponsored by the Yellville Lions.

Newly organized, and expected to be chartered soon, according to 7-S District Governor Jerry Markham, is the Little Rock Metrocentre Lions, a downtown Little Rock breakfast club. It's in District S.

The Marianna Lions, chartered in 1946, have reorganized and are making a fresh start. Down to 14 members, the club voted to reorganize and up their roster to 60 members. The reorganization was April 11.

Arkansas' new Leo Club is in Conway. It was sponsored by the Conway Evening Lions. Charter night was April 7.

Norman Lambert, state secretary, is available to assist in organizing clubs.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The White Hall Lions recently held a project that might be considered unique. They annually hold a rabies clinic with proceeds going towards their sight conservation contribution for AEB. Charge is $2.50 for a dog or cat and the shots are given by an accredited veterinarian. They even offer curbside service for unruly animals.

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Lion Mark Felker, secretary-treasurer of the Mulberry Lions, is going on 39 years in that capacity. He and Lion T. J. House are charter members of the club that was chartered October 31, 1939. Lion Felker has served under 29 local presidents. He freely gives out all types of information, except his age. He reasons he might want to run for president and wouldn't want his age to interfere.

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James Earl Scroggin, aged 75, one month short of 33 years of continuous service with the Little Rock Founders Lions Club,' died January 26. He was the club's president in 1953-54.

Lion Scroggin was one of the 13 original Arkansas Rangers in 1937, forerunner of the State Police. He retired as a major in 1968.

His family requested memorials be made to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind or Immanuel Baptist Church.

Low Vision
AEB's Clinic
Trainees and

When the subject of the AEB Rehabilitation Center's low vision aids service is discussed, most people think only of the clinic, the ophthalmologist and the aids involved.

After all, this is what they see. The room containing the equipment, the ophthalmologist examining an individual and then that person using an aid.

"That shouldn't be the case," says Amy Pais, AEB's low vision aids clinician. There's more to the service than (pardon the pun) meets the eye.

"In fact," she adds, "eye examinations and dispensing low vision aids are a small part of a service that is utilized by more than 300 individuals annually."

Last year, 1977, 311 AEB trainees and 37 outpatients were examined at the clinic. There were 276 special aids provided. Nationally there are more than 6.3 million Americans needing some type of low vision service, yet AEB has one of only 114 centers providing such services.

Mrs. Pais emphasizes that the key to a successful low vision aids service is follow-up after the aid is made available.

Follow-up takes the form of training customized for each individual receiving an aid. Training that includes correct use of the equipment, taking advantage of proper lighting and explaining the limitations imposed on the person by his eye disease.

She believes the effective use of a low vision aid has a direct correlation with how soon after the examination the person receives the aid and begins follow-up training. The sooner he gets an aid, the sooner he'll use it and the more likely he will develop good habits.

AEB's loaner system avoids the pitfalls of lengthy periods between the prescribing of an aid and the time the individual receives it. The system puts the aid into the hand of the user almost immediately.

There are exceptions, such as when the prescription is not a standardized item carried in AEB's loaner program.

Mrs. Pais likes the user receiving the aid on Friday when he is examined and beginning training with it on Monday. "A good loaner system is a boost to a low vision service," she points out.

An individual's motivation is a factor in the effective use of an aid. Mrs. Pais believes an individual will use an aid more if it meets his needs. She explains that a good reader will use, with greater intensity, an aid that improves his reading capacity where someone not so interested in reading might not make full use of such an aid.

Aids are purchased most frequently by the state agency serving the blind. When that's not possible, Mrs. Pais calls on Lions clubs to purchase the equipment. "The Lions clubs are very good about buying an aid if no other means are available," she states.

Complete training is provided with the cost of the evaluation at AEB's clinic. Dr. Mayne Parker, AEB's consulting ophthalmologist and director of the clinic, visits the clinic, located in Kumpe Hall, each Friday morning and sees AEB trainees and out-patients referred to the clinic. He examines the individual and prescribes any aid that will be helpful.

These aids cover three categories.

Most commonly prescribed are for near vision. These include spectacles, hand and stand magnifiers, and closed circuit television.

For immediate distance, usually the most difficult area of vision to correct, aids usually are bifocals or trifocals, neckborne magnifiers and stand magnifiers. Distance aids include spectacles, telescopic aids and binoculars or monoculars.

"There are a large number of non-optical aids available," Mrs. Pais says. Items such as raised-line checks, large print, large-type telephone dials, and colored cards for line guides.

READING A CHART — Susan Barlow, a deaf and blind trainee from Brighton, Mich., gets an assist reading a chart from a magnifier. Dr. Mayne Parker, AEB's consulting ophthalmologist and low vision clinic director, evaluates the results.

Aid Services Serves Outpatients

"There must be follow-up," she strongly stressed. Most failures by low vision services are due to inadequate training in the use of the aid.

"Another erroneous idea we need to dispell," she claims, "is that the usefulness of the aid is in direct proportion with the cost. Many individuals won't believe that a $2 or $3 aid can be just as effective as one costing several thousand dollars."

If an inexpensive magnifier meets the need of a person, then it serves the same purpose as an expensive closed circuit television system to someone needing that type of equipment. "However," she points out, "an aid is only effective if it's used — and used properly."

Another misconception that leads to frequent frustration is the belief an aid will restore sight. It will assist a visually impaired person in making full use of his residual vision, but it won't restore sight.

AEB has operated a low vision aids service since 1953. The program has not always been as formal as it is now, but AEB trainees have always had the benefit of aids that would assist them with their reading, mobility and other activities.

"We are more effective now," Mrs. Pais says, "because we have gained experience through the years and have developed a good follow-up program."

Kudos Given Aids Clinic

One recent satisfied patient of AEB's low vision service is Rabbi Ira E. Sanders of Little Rock. In fact, Rabbi Sanders felt so strong about the service that he wrote concerning Dr. Parker's and Mrs. Pais' assistance to him. He also included a contribution to the low vision service.

Rabbi Sanders has served many years as a member of the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind's board of directors.

Dollars...

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programs is considering a code of ethics for fund-raising incorporating standards of the NIB and BBB. That organization is Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America (ALL). The ISB is a sponsoring member of this group.

What all this means to you, the potential donor of charitable dollars, is investigate any group before giving. You can ask AEB for assistance. As a rehabilitation center for the blind, we work with many groups. AEB, and many of its professional staff, are members and supporters of the American Council of the Blind, and its local chapters; the American Foundation for the Blind, the American Association of Workers for the Blind, NAC and ALL. These groups generally coincide with AEB's and ISB's philosophy.

Chief concern is not that any particular organization is not doing some legitimate work, but how much do they spend on fund raising, salaries and administrative functions. Minnesota records show the American Brotherhood for the Blind used 82 per cent of its gross income of $1.4 million on fund raising and administrative costs. This was 95 per cent of their total spending that year.

Penny pinching, that's not!

If you are ever in doubt about where to make a contribution, remember that AEB is providing services, meeting all standards and we have an annual report to back us up. Just ask.

USING AN AID — Harold Jackson uses a small magnifier while reading the newspaper. Dr. Parker and Amy Pais, AEB's low vision clinician, looks on.

'AEB Makes Difference' Opera Author Ernest Hagan Contends

What is there to be thankful about a Thanksgiving weekend that you lose your eyesight?

Casper, Wyoming, resident Ernest Hagen had that type experience on Thanksgiving, 1976. During the four-day weekend, he became blind.

"Accepting blindness under any circumstance is difficult," Hagen says, "but I was fulfilling a long ambition of composing an opera based on O. E. Rolvaag's 'Giants In The Earth.' It was a very bitter turn of events.

"I had put three years of work into this project," he recalls, "then I'm blind and my opera isn't finished. My hard work was wasted."

Hagen admits now that he felt it was the end of everything for him. A teacher, symphony orchestra conductor, music director and composer — he "felt he had died."

After working with the Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Hagen entered the AEB Rehabilitation Center for the purpose of completing his opera. He would be working with Blance Thebom, director of Opera, UALR. He didn't believe he needed any adjustment training.

Blinded for almost a year, Hagen had 20/400 sight remaining in one eye. He was beginning to deny his blindness. "I had learned to use what little residual sight I had left. At AEB there were so many totally blind individuals who were making much better adjustment to their handicap than I was, and they were even offering me help. That's when I realized how much adjustment I truly needed.

"It was then that I really got serious about my training and really began benefiting from it."

Hagen's training at AEB was being provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Services, but the completion and presentation of the opera is a joint effort between the three Casper Lions clubs and the Casper Symphony Board and Symphony Guild. The Casper Lions — Casper, Mountain and Sunrise clubs — have designated $2,100 for the project.

Ernest Hagen

The opera, "Beret and Per Hansa," was presented on stage at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, on April 8. Hagen, who is Norwegian, describes it as a "folk opera" dealing with the hard life of the pioneer Norwegian settlers in the Dakota Territory. His interest in this story developed while doing his undergraduate work at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., where Rolvaag taught.

Hagen's plans include conducting symphonies, writing, teaching and composing. "AEB has given me the confidence to continue," he claims.

One of the hardest steps is behind him now. He was the guest conductor for the Wartburg Symphony at Waverly, Iowa, in February.

The event was the 25th anniversary of the orchestra organized by Hagen while teaching at Wartburg College.

He feels good about his first effort as a "blind" conductor. After turning down two requests by the Iowa group, he relented on the third approach. "By the third time," Hagen says, "I was far enough along in my training that I had gained a great deal of confidence — at least enough to meet this challenge."

He cites confidence as one of the many things he has learned at AEB. "There are many things I thought impossible, but not anymore. While not perfect, I can do them."

GOOD JOB, GENE — Anthel Marlin [left], AEB's president, hands last year's president, Gene Browne of Jonesboro, a plaque from the Board of Directors for his work as AEB president. The presentation took place at the Mid-Winter Conference in Jacksonville.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Rob (CSIS '75) and Julie Resser of Joplin, Mo., write they are two of five blind persons attending Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Mo. Julie, a sophomore, is taking general education courses; while Rob, also a sophomore, is majoring in accounting with a minor in computers.

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A lengthy story in the **News Observer** of Crossett, Ark., featured Mrs. Peggy Estelle Camplain (College Prep '70). Mrs. Camplain is in her fifth year as switchboard operator for the First National Bank of Crossett. She was the featured speaker of the Southeast Arkansas Chapter of the National Secretaries Association.

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Bud Pohl (Vending Stand '46) of Jefferson City, Mo., recently wrote Roy Kumpe after Mr. Kumpe's retirement. He offered congratulations and reiterated what AEB had done for him. Bud was a trainee in the vending stand program operated before the AEB Rehabilitation Center opened in 1947.

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A recent Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., graduate is Adren Lee Duncan (College Prep '72) of Hohenwald, Tenn. He is currently waiting for state exam scores before going to work for the State of Tennessee as a counselor. He is a sociology major with a psychology minor.

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Carlos Mazo (AEB '77) of Panama City, Panama, reports he is working in the public relations department of a social club in Panama. He continues his dream of assisting the blind of Panama in some capacity. He recently spoke to the Panama Lions Clubs convention concerning his training at AEB.

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Another former trainee heavily involved in Lions work is Kenneth L. Bossman (TSR '71) of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Now a Taxpayer Service Representative in his home town, Ken also charter first vice-president of the Hub City (Aberdeen) Lions club, a club chartered October, 1977. He has been elected president for the coming year.

NEW EQUIPMENT — Duane Balentine, director of rehabilitation, shows Johnette Weiss, abacus instructor, how the Sensory-Quill works. The instrument was donated to the AEB Rehabilitation Center by the Xi Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The device produces raised-line drawings and makes it easier for the blind to understand concepts that would benefit their rehabilitation training. AEB is using the Sensory-Quill in all training areas.

Statistics Show

Few Arkansans Have Will

Ask most Arkansans if they have a will and many, without a second thought, will say, "No!" According to statistics, they would be correct because very few people have bothered having a will made.

That doesn't mean, however, they don't have one. It may not be an official instrument prepared by their attorney, but the State of Arkansas has a will for everyone.

Only thing about the state's will, it may not coincide with your wishes on how you want your estate divided. There are provisions in the state prepared will for family members, but the division of property and other assets is established by state law and only certain bequests are made.

In fact, a bequest to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind would be impossible under the state's prepared will. No matter how hard you had worked for AEB, and no matter how much financial assistance you had given the rehabilitation center, nothing from your estate would go to AEB.

For AEB to receive any bequest from your estate, you must have a will and include the rehabilitation center in it. Through that method will AEB's work with the blind receive your financial support.

There are numerous other methods of assisting the AEB, and you can arrange many of them so that AEB can start receiving financial assistance immediately. Among those plans are trusts, life income plans, gifts of stocks and bonds, and other programs.

Many of these plans have tax incentives built in that offers the opportunity of lessening the tax bite. While Uncle Sam frowns on tax evasion, there are ways of avoiding taxes through well-planned programs.

AEB has recently published a brochure, "5 Ways to Help the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind . . . and Yourself." Copies of this brochure are available from the Office of Executive Director, 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, 72214.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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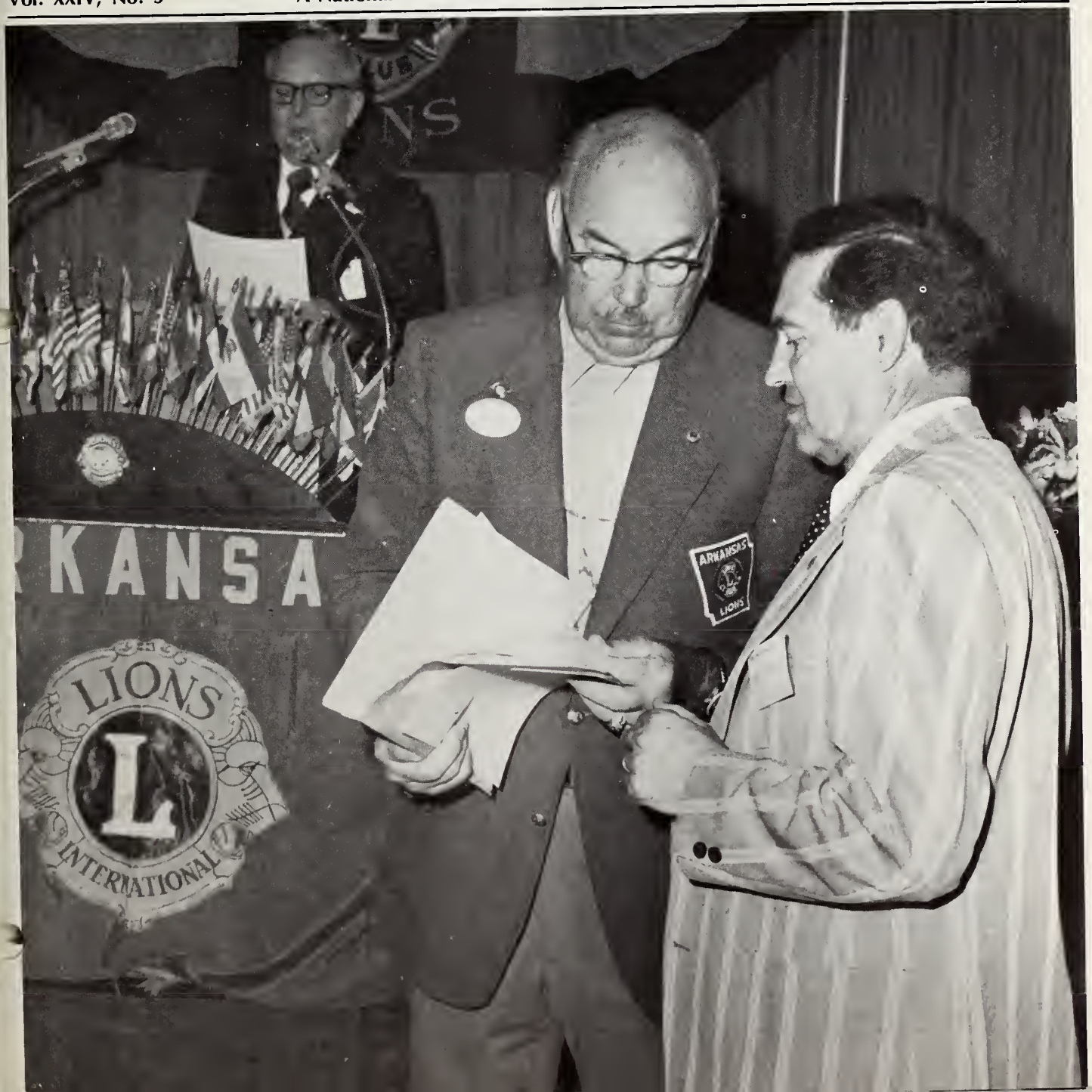

Editorial

Good Show, Ernest

The wait was worth it and perhaps each member of the overflow crowd, estimated at more than 350, will agree. Ernest Hagen's opera, "Beret and Per Hansa," world premiered in Little Rock on April 8. (See last month's **New Life.**)

Winter's bad weather caused a delay that cost the opera a real, true-life, heart-warming saga. Linda Smalley, AEB vocational trainee from Buffalo, New York, won the role of Beret, but couldn't remain in Little Rock after the weather canceled the first date for the performance.

Nothing could have been more appropriate than the lead role of an opera written by a blind composer being sung by a blind individual. Lions and Lionesses at Fairfield Bay and Monticello can attest to Linda's ability.

Nevertheless, when the Opera ualr-staged production opened, the audience was treated to an excellent cast and performance. The professional reviewers — Bill Lewis of the **Arkansas Gazette** and Eric E. Harrison of the **Arkansas Democrat** — had kind words and few critical remarks on the presentation. Both liked Hagen's work and each recognized that full orchestration would make a world of difference.

Hagen's work is based on the epic journey westward by covered wagon. This time it's the Norwegians going for farmland in the Dakota Territory of the 1870's. Instead of Indians and outlaws, their foes were winter's cold, locusts and the loneliness that only the vast emptiness of the prairie can cause.

Hagen is currently working on the orchestration of the opera. He hopes the next presentation will be with full orchestra, set and professional actors.

But surely, no other performance will have as appreciative an audience as Little Rock. After the performance, the audience gave Hagen a well-deserved standing ovation — not, perhaps, so much for the opera, although it was very good, but more for his struggle to overcome blindness and finish his work.

Some More Applause

Good work deserves notice. With the sudden increase in Lions clubs being chartered across the state, someone is due credit. My nomination is new state secretary Norman Lambert of Hot Springs.

True, he isn't doing it alone, but this swell of activity didn't begin until he stepped into the job. The District Governors must share some of the plaudetts for their work and leadership.

Reviewing the recent chartering of clubs, there's Diamondhead in L, Flippen and Springdale Centennial in I. Charter nights are planned for Little Rock Metrocentre and Lake Village in S and Harrisburg in O.

There could be others on the horizon. In any event, thanks to Norman Lambert, the DG's and those Lions working with the new clubs.

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One of the highlights of the AEB Membership Luncheon is the awarding of certificates for contributions per member to the Arkansas Lions Clubs. On the cover, District Governor Earl M. Cherry hands Carter Johnson, president of the Fairfield Bay Lions, the club's certificate for $20 for 1. There's more on this on pages 4 and 5.

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R. T. Ludden Retires After 13 Years On The Job For AEB

R. T. "Dick" Ludden, an AEB spokesman perhaps second only to Roy Kumpe in the number of Lions Clubs visited on behalf of the rehabilitation center, retired May 5.

Ludden, AEB's chaplain and field counselor, first joined the staff in 1965 as a Braille instructor. This followed a three month personal adjustment training period because of his loss of sight.

He had been a Methodist minister for 29 years until blindness forced him to give up his last assignment in Indianapolis, Ind. Ludden came to AEB as a client from the Indiana Services for the Blind.

After accepting AEB's assignment as a Braille instructor, Ludden entered Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, working on his master's degree in rehabilitation teaching.

Through his years of travel for AEB, Ludden used his ministerial training and his personal experience with blindness when working with blind individuals or state counselors. Many blind individuals first heard of their rights to rehabilitation training from Ludden.

The 13-year AEB veteran was easily recognized by many Lions and Lionesses as the man who gave them a tour of AEB. The usual question that followed was, "Is he blind?" Ludden lost all sight, except for light perception, because of cataracts, but was very adept with cane travel. He traveled across the U.S. by air with nothing more than his cane for guidance.

Ludden became very active in professional organizations for the blind, serving as president of the Arkansas chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. He is a member of the Oak Forest Lions with several years of perfect attendance; and is a member of the American Council of the Blind.

He is making Little Rock his home after retirement.

R. T. Ludden

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Wynne Lions raised $4,600 during a recent radio auction. This will finance a summer baseball program and their sight conservation projects.

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Seven charter members of the Pocahontas Lions Club remain active after ten years of service. The club, sponsored by the Imboden Lions, was chartered June 3, 1968. The club recently honored charter member Dr. L. L. Petty, a local optometrist, for his 30 years of service to the community.

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It was the 9th radio auction for the Crossett Lions and it raised $3,627 for the club. Their budget includes AEB, local boy and girl scouts, local summer baseball program and local sight conservation projects. One unique tidbit about the auction, it was videotaped and televised locally.

Aluminum And Eyeglasses To Boost AEB's Budget

Used eyeglasses and recycled aluminum could have a significant economic impact on AEB's budget. You will have a role.

Arkansas Lions are going to be asked to assist in a statewide collection of scrap aluminum cans, license plates and other aluminum items. Proceeds from selling the salvaged material would go to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Assistance for this program would come from one of the leaders in the American aluminum industry — Reynolds. The company estimates they can recycle aluminum using only five per cent of the energy it takes to make the product from ore. Reynolds will assist with the publicity for this undertaking and purchase the scrap aluminum.

Currently the price per pound is 17 cents. It's estimated 23 cans make a pound. Last year Americans earned $45 million from recycling 6.1 billion cans. Recycled cans don't clutter up the environment, thus we relieved the litter problem, also.

Making this offer more attractive for Arkansas is the changing of license plates scheduled this year and next. According to the Arkansas Motor Vehicle registration bureau, there are more than 1.6 million license plates in the state — and they are all aluminum.

During the average year more than 250,000 license plates are discarded. Reynolds estimates AEB's budget would receive $6,000 if only half of these were salvaged. During this year of license changeover, the income could be significantly higher.

There are seven or eight aluminum recycling locations in the state. Each Lions club would be responsible for collecting the scrap and taking it to the collection point.

McDonald's in the Rochester, New York, area recently cooperated with the local Lions clubs and collected 11,000 pairs of used eyeglasses within a week. They gave a coupon worth one regular hamburger for each pair of glasses turned in. Lions club members picked up the glasses.

AEB currently collects eye glasses, but not on such a large scale. Glasses are sent by AEB to New Eyes for the Needy. The sale of precious metal from scrap frames earns $500 to $600 for AEB's budget annually.

It's not known at this time if the McDonald's stores in Arkansas will participate, but they will be contacted this month. If any agree to assist this program, the Lions clubs in those cities will be contacted for their assistance.

State Convention

Membership Luncheon Attracts 460 Guests

JOB WELL DONE — PDG Bob Burns of Bentonville receives a certificate recognizing his service on AEB's board of directors. Directors whose terms ended last year were recognized during the AEB Membership luncheon at the state convention.

Eleven blind individuals have been placed in competive jobs this year in Arkansas through efforts of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, according to a report released by AEB president Anthel Marlin to the Arkansas Lions at the state convention.

Marlin's announcement covers jobs found through the Projects With Industry, a grant made originally in 1973 and supplemented five times, most recently on January 1 for $100,000. Not counted in this announcement are graduates of AEB's seven vocational programs who generally find jobs through other means.

This, and other information, was contained in the President's Report given the more than 450 Lions and Lionesses attending the annual AEB Membership Luncheon held in conjunction with the state convention.

Other activities included on the program for the April 15 meeting were the election of eight new board members, financial report, a trainee speaker, and the discussion of the Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund.

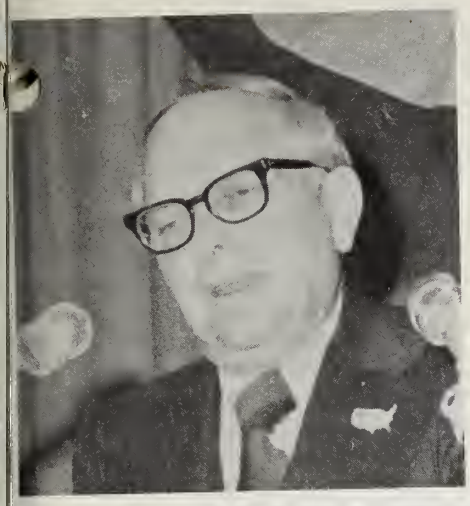
Featured on the program was Ernest Hagen of Casper, Wyoming, a personal adjustment trainee at AEB. Hagen, the author of the opera, "Beret and Per Hansa," told of his efforts to overcome blindness and complete his opera. (See last month's **New Life**.)

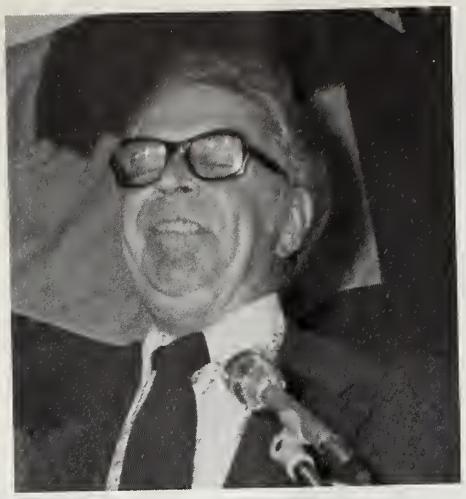
Providing AEB's financial report was Alvin Reap, AEB's treasurer. Wes Smelley, AEB's 1st vice-president, gave the details of the Roy Kumpe Fellowship Fund and PID Dr. Jim Fowler reported on the annual Visiting District Governor's Day and plans for the coming year.

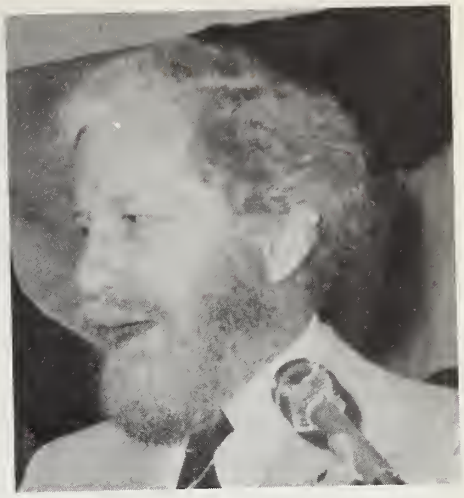
Roy Kumpe, president of the International Services for the Blind, reported on his work with the blind of South America. ISB anticipates several trainees from Colombia will receive scholarships to AEB due to Kumpe's efforts in that country.

AEB's new executive director, Howard H. Hanson, attended his first membership luncheon as the rehabilitation center's chief administrative officer. Hanson, a past district governor from South Dakota, updated the Lions on recent AEB happenings and introduced Ernest Hagen.

PIP Edward G. Barry Sr., chairman of the nominating committee, placed in nomination eight individuals for election or re-election to AEB's board







Luncheon Speakers Were . . .

ANTHEL MARLIN
. . . AEB president

HOWARD H. HANSON
. . . AEB Executive Director

ERNEST HAGEN
. . . opera author

of directors. District representatives for two-year terms are Milton Brummer of Hot Springs Village, L (Brummer has served on the board one year in a different category); O. L. Glaesmann of Russellville, I (re-elected); John Miller of Melbourne, O; J. D. Lewis of Forrest City, N; and Norris Walthall of North Little Rock, S.

Members at large elected for two year terms were Dr. Jack Walters of Fayetteville, Dr. Don Freel of Hope, and Walker Tucker of Little Rock (re-elected).

Marlin took the opportunity of recognizing those Arkansas clubs who have contributed $10 or more per member to date. These are contributions made to the Sight Conservation Committee for disbursement to AEB. Two clubs are currently tied for high honors — Wilson and North Little Rock — with $35 per member.

Trainee Triumphs Twice At Chess

Peter Miner, AEB trainee from Salina, Okla., has won trophies in two recent Little Rock Chess Club tournaments.

Miner, blind and confined to a wheelchair, plays in E classification and has been the only blind person in the two events. Tournaments were held in Pine Bluff and at the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

In both competitions, for players rated below 1,600, Miner won two and a half games each time.

AEB Recognizes Lions' Support

Two Arkansas Lions Clubs have contributed $35 per member to the AEB Rehabilitation Center, tying them for the lead in support per member.

Wilson, last year's leader, and North Little Rock were announced during the Arkansas Lions state convention in Pine Bluff as the "top givers per member." AEB president Anthel Marlin made the announcement.

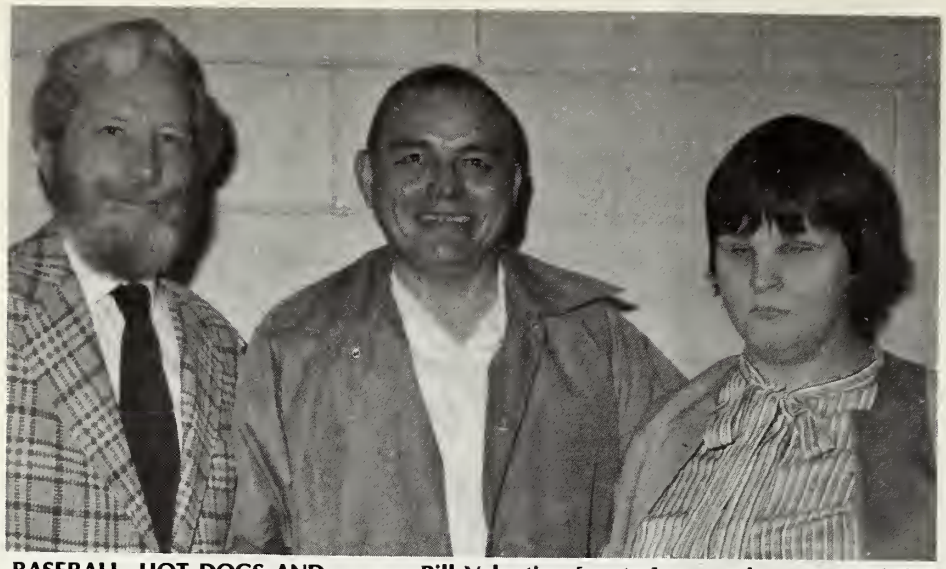
Wilson, District O, and North Little Rock, District S, were among the 111 clubs recognized for support exceeding $10 per member during the 1977-78 year. Dollars per member is figured on the club roster as of July 1 of each year and the amount of contributions to the Sight Conservation Committee for AEB.

Little Rock Park Plaza of District S contributed $30 per member and DeQueen and East Camden, both of District L; and Mountain Home of District O, contributed $25 per member.

In other categories, there were 12 clubs recognized for $20 per one; 26 for $15 per member and 67 for $10 per member.

Records for this year's gifts will not close until June 30. This gives most clubs the opportunity of reaching a higher plateau of support. Last year Wilson contributed $46 per member. There were 101 clubs recognized last year.

ABACUS LESSON — PID R. W. Dennis and his wife, Hazel, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, listen as AEB math instructor Johnette Weiss explains how the blind use the abacus. The Dennises toured AEB before going to Pine Bluff for the state convention.



BASEBALL, HOT DOGS AND . . . — Bill Valentine [center], general manager of the Arkansas Travelers, was the April trainee banquet speaker. His subject was baseball. Ernest Hagen of Casper, Wyo., was master of ceremonies and Wendy Fowler of Marietta, Ga., gave the invocation.

ISB Board Adopts Budget With $40,000 For Scholarship Aid

There are currently 17 international individuals awaiting scholarship assistance for training at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. This was reported to the International Services for the Blind at its annual meeting on April 17 in Little Rock.

ISB president Roy Kumpe, conducting the meeting due to the late arrival of board chairman Jess Odom, reported that five or six individuals were from Colombia, a country he had just visited. Eleven countries were represented by those seeking assistance.

Dr. J. M. Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind and chairman of ISB's scholarship committee, also reported that 13 international trainees from seven countries received training at AEB this year. All received some assistance from ISB.

The ISB board adopted a $91,000 budget with $40,000 of it set aside for scholarship aid. ISB, which receives its financial support from brokerage fees for the marketing of Westinghouse light bulbs to Lions clubs and other civic organizations, anticipates income from this source of $90,000.

Re-elected officers for another year were Jess P. Odom, chairman of the board; Roy Kumpe, president; Mrs. Margaret Kolb, 1st vice-president; Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, 2nd vice-president; Stanley Price, secretary; and George B. Tyler, treasurer. Edward G. Barry Sr. and J. M. Woolly are members of the executive committee.

Louis Rives Jr. of Little Rock was elected a director for the first time and Edward G. Barry Sr., Dr. Jim Fowler, Saleh Muhanna, Jess P. Odom, Stanley Price, Herman West and J. M. Woolly were re-elected to the board.

Governor Reappoints Three To OBVI Panel

Three individuals well known in Arkansas for their work for the blind, and closely related to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, were reappointed to the advisory council of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Roy Kumpe, International Services for the Blind president; J. M. Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind; and Dr. J. Mayne Parker, a Little Rock ophthalmologist; will serve six years on the committee. The committee advises the OBVI on services needed by the blind in Arkansas.

Kumpe is past executive director of AEB. Woolly is a member of AEB's service advisory council and Parker is director of AEB's low vision aids clinic.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Karen Kruciak (College Prep '72 and AEB '75) of Memphis, Tenn., now living in Cincinnati, Ohio, is employed with the Salvation Army as a transcriber. Her picture was recently included with a story about her work on the first page of **Viewpoint**, the publication of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. In that same issue was an introduction story on Nancy Marie-Luce, originally from Huntsville, Ala. Nancy is now employed by the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. She completed her internship at AEB in 1977.

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Eileen May Scorsese (Medical Transcriptionist '76) and her husband, Tony (Professional '76), are living in Hanahan, La., a suburb of New Orleans. She is employed as a transcriptionist and Tony is currently receiving vending stand training.

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Jackie Campbell (AEB '73 and '74) of Newcastle, Wyo., now living Casper, is working for the telephone company as an intercept operator.

DHEW Sets Study For Diabetic Retinopathy

A nationwide clinical trial of early treatment for diabetic retinopathy, a common eye complication of diabetes and a leading cause of blindness, will be undertaken by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's National Eye Institute.

The research in 22 centers will attempt to clarify if laser treatment can reduce the risk of blindness without harmful side effects. Early work in this area resulted in patients going blind, blurring of vision and narrowed side vision. Early work also showed enough success to justify the second study.

Diabetic retinopathy is a progressive disorder which causes harmful changes in the blood vessels in the retina — the light sensitive tissue at the back of the eye.

The study will run eight years at a average cost of $3 million per year. Approximately 3,000 individuals will participate in the work. None of the work will be done in Arkansas.

Rehabilitation And Dog-Guides; Some Questions, Some Answers

Among the questions frequently asked by Lions, visitors and other interested parties include those about the role of a guide-dog in rehabilitation training for the blind. Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind does not instruct the use of the dog, but teaches orientation and mobility using the "white cane." AEB recommends an individual complete his adjustment to blindness before considering a dog-guide.

On occasion, trainees in vocational programs or those receiving professional training will use a dog-guide while at AEB.

A recent visitor to AEB was David Loux, field representative for The Seeing Eye, Inc. of Morristown, N.J., considered by many professional mobility instructors as the best dog-guide school in America. Loux, who spoke to a trainee general assembly, answered some questions for **New Life** about dog-guides.

New Life: Let's begin with some background and history about Seeing Eye and yourself.

Loux: Seeing Eye, Inc., was founded in 1929 and is the oldest dog-guide school in the United States. More than 7,400 dogs have been supplied blind individuals by our organization. I am a totally blind field representative with more than eight years experience. I received my masters degree in rehabilitation training from Western Michigan, Kalamazoo.

New Life: What are the requirements for a dog-guide user?

Loux: At Seeing Eye we accept individuals between the ages of 16 and 65 — although we sometimes make exception on the upper age level — who are totally blind, have good hearing, are in good physical condition and demonstrate sound emotional stability.

New Life: What about previous cane travel training?

Loux: Good cane travel skills and mobility training would be an advantage to the potential dog-guide user. By the systems working together, a blind individual can use whichever method is feasible at the moment for travel.

New Life: Why do certain people request a dog-guide?

Loux: One reason is a motivated desire for independent mobility. Not all blind persons have this desire. Some would prefer using a sighted guide. Those who do choose either the cane or dog-guide have independent travel.

New Life: How long is your training?

Loux: Four weeks.

New Life: Where do you get your dogs?

Loux: We have our own breeding program, and also accept donations. We also purchase dogs.

New Life: Is any one breed of dogs better than another?

Loux: We don't select dogs by breed, but by temperament. The working breeds with size, strength, good intelligence and strong responsibility have proven the best for dog-guide service.

New Life: What's the key to successful dog-guide use?

Loux: The blind person and the dog must work together. They must perform as a team. The system will not work unless the individual really wants a dog and is willing to work with it.

New Life: Do blind individuals become too dependent on their dog?

Loux: That needs to be avoided. A person shouldn't become dependent on his dog for social factors, but use the dog only to provide guide service.

New Life: What does a dog cost?

Loux: At Seeing Eye the first dog cost $150 and a second or succeeding dogs are $50 each. The fee makes the dog his property and a person takes better care of his personal property than that which doesn't belong to him.

New Life: What about care of the dog?

Loux: Care for the animal isn't a burden, but a responsibility. As a blind person using a dog-guide, I have the legal right to carry my dog and to go anywhere with him. I also have the responsibility of keeping my dog under control, clean and well groomed. I have the right to use my dog, but not the right for my dog to infringe on the rights of others.

'55 Trainee Retires After 23 Years

A pre-vocational trainee in 1955 has retired from the job AEB assisted him in finding 23 years ago.

After almost a quarter of a century as a machinist at Duncan Industries in Harrison, Walter Johnson has retired. Johnson, a native of Mammoth Spring, went blind in 1948. He was a trainee at AEB for four months.

He corresponded with AEB in June, 1955, and wrote, ". . . I feel very lucky having the privilege of (attending) AEB and being blessed by the many things I learned while there."

The many things he learned at AEB have stayed with him since 1955. They provided him an opportunity of earning his own way.

At 62, one item that gives Johnson a great deal of pride is working that many years in industry without an accident. "I was glad I could walk away from my last day's work with all my fingers." He operated a drill and trim press for the parking meter manufacturer.

Johnson lost his sight overnight, but returned to work in a poultry processing plant in Mammoth Spring after a six-week hospital stay. He was never unemployed, except for periods when the company wasn't operating. He points with pride at never accepting federal aid nor welfare.

Although he was always called back when the processing plant reopened, he wanted an opportunity for more stable work. He entered training at AEB hoping it would increase his chances of getting a better job. At that time Johnson was supporting a family of four children and his wife.

Upon completion of his training, Johnson moved his family to Harrison and began work at Duncan.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Courtland Lynch by Lions of Scranton
Earl Ruth by Mrs. Mary McClaren
Mrs. Martha Jones by Mrs. Mary E. McClaren
Mr. Douglas by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell
Ms. Mary Tyler by Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Ryan
Mrs. Louise J. Shelton by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reap
Ricky Burnell by Dana Browning
Mrs. Bonnie Heath by J. D. Lewis
Earl C. Eller by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen
Mrs. Evelyn Esworthy by Del Roberson
Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer by Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Housour
Earl L. Haught by Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes
Ms. Cindy Elms by Max Elms
James Fults by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
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Harold Coble by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson
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Ernest Allison by Carlisle Lions Club
Gerald Carter by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson
Tommy Tackett by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson
Mrs. Mattie Taylor by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shollmier
Johnny Gipson by Mr. and Mrs. Del Roberson
Mrs. Bertha [Stacks] Henderson by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke
Mrs. Frances Schreiber by A. B. Warren
Homer Smeltzer by A. B. Warren
James Earl Scroggin by Mr. and Mrs. Alex S. Hill
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Wilbur Craig by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Mrs. Dorothy Daniel by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle
Mrs. Gladys Richards by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glenn
Ms. Georgia Jackson by Paragould Lions Club
William [Bill] Oldner by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knauts
Harry Bodine by Class of 1922
Mrs. Anne Chandler Harper by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice

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Editorial

Some Important Dates

Arkansas Lions have some very important dates to remember for the coming year, 1978-79. Dates of activities that reflect later in how the local club performs its service during the year. This includes its sight conservation programs, fund raising, membership recruitment and retention, and local activities of all types.

These important dates are:

August 6 — District L Conference, Hope
ID William H. "Bill" Maguire of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada
August 13 — District I Conference, Eureka Springs
ID Ray E. Marley of College, Alaska
August 20 — District O Conference, Jonesboro
ID John O. Gregory of Manassas, Virginia
August 26 — Visiting District Governors Day, AEB
IP Ralph Lyman of Alma, Michigan
August 27 — Sight Conservation Forum, AEB
September 10 — District N Conference, Searcy
ID Brian Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
September 17 — District S Conference, Jacksonville
ID Ralph Helms of Newark, Delaware
September 22 — USA Forum, Detroit, Michigan
October 4-9 — White Cane Week
January 27 & 28 — Mid-Winter Conference, Hot Springs Village
ID Robert E. Anderson of Los Angeles, California
April 27-29 — State Convention, Eureka Springs
ID William P. Leibensperger of Columbus, Ohio
June 20-23 — International Convention, Montreal, Canada

Don't Forget Your Club's Meetings

Insuring Your Success

All of Lionism gets a fresh start, of sorts, every year about this time. It's not exactly a spring house cleaning, but from the International Association down to the smallest club, new officers assume their responsibilities.

Just like the rest of us, they're volunteers. Now's the time for each Lion to make a pledge of perfect attendance, at least two new members, attend as many state, district and zone meetings as possible, and work hard on those special activities.

This type of participation, which is nothing special, but just what's expected of each Lion, can make a difference in the type year your president and officers, your district governor and his cabinet, and your international president, officers and directors will have. You help them this year, and you will guarantee support for yourself one day if you step into one of these positions.

It's kind of like purchasing insurance.

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GETTING ACQUAINTED — Sooner or later, most AEB trainees get to know the rehabilitation center's lion statue that guards the campus from the northwest corner. For Suzanne Cooke of Little Rock (formally of Monticello) it was a special meeting. Her father was a member of the Monticello Lions for many years and told her about AEB and the lion statue. Suzanne is now receiving personal adjustment training at AEB prior to returning to college for her master's in rehabilitation counseling.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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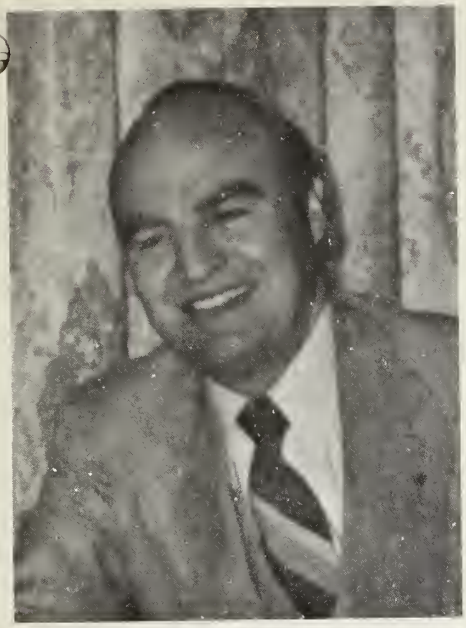

WES SMELLEY

Directors Elect Smelley Center's 27th President

Wes Smelley of Little Rock is AEB's 27th president. He will serve 1978-79.

This, and the election of other officers for the same year, was among the business conducted during AEB's quarterly board meeting June 4.

Smelley, who served as first vice-president this past year, assumes the office July 1. He is a past president of the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions, past chairman of the Lions State Sight Conservation Committee and has previously served AEB as treasurer. Smelley is personnel officer at Commercial National Bank in Little Rock.

Other officers for the coming year are Dr. Don Freel of Hope, first vice-president; Walker Tucker of Little Rock, second vice-president; C. A. Leidy of Newport, secretary; and Alvin Reap of Little Rock, treasurer.

While electing new officers, the board also elected or re-elected board members. They are Al W. Isenman of Little Rock, John Miller of Melbourne, J. D. Lewis of Forrest City, Norris M. Walthall of North Little Rock, M. G. "Red" Heard of Baton Rouge, La., Russell Nixon of St. Louis, Mo., and Harold Bolen of St. Joe, Mo. Re-elected for two-year terms were Milton Brummer of Hot Springs Village and O. L. Glaesmann of Russellville.

Re-elected for one-year were Senator Dale Bumpers of Washington D.C., Robert L. Moore of Little Rock, William Nash of Little Rock, Jess Odom of Maumelle New Town and Robert Sakon of England.

PID Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler was named an ex-officio member of the board. Anthel Marlin of North Little Rock is the immediate past president.

Board members who completed their terms this year are R. H. Shaddock of Camden, Amos David of Imboden, Nyle B. Oswalt of Helena, Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith, Clarence Freeze of Jonesboro, John Dixon of Sulphur, La., William Steinbrueck of Chesterfield, Mo., Lawson E. Glover of Malvern and Gene Browne of Jonesboro.

Preparations Now Underway For Visiting District Governors Day

For the 18th consecutive year the AEB Rehabilitation Center's board of directors will host the District Governors from surrounding states at its annual Visiting District Governors Day, August 26.

Again this year, as for the past several years, another large delegation from the International family, including President Ralph Lyman of Alma, Michigan, will attend.

Invitations have been mailed to 47 district governors from Texas (16 governors), Oklahoma (six governors), Missouri (11 governors), Tennessee (four governors), Mississippi (five governors), and Louisiana (five governors). Counting Arkansas' governors, who as board members will be hosting the visitors, there could be 52 DG's for this year's happening.

There will be an equally impressive number of international officers, directors and past directors present.

This year the Holiday Inn-Downtown will serve as headquarters hotel. Visitors will gather there Saturday afternoon for a bus ride to AEB and the first activity of the day — a tour of the rehabilitation center.

After refreshments, entertainment by AEB trainees and the film, "Happiness Is State Of Mind," AEB President Wes Smelley, who is the official host for VDGD, will welcome the assembled Lions and wives to AEB.

Other events Saturday afternoon will be a history of AEB, a trainee speaker, the challenge issued to the visitors and a dinner.

International President Lyman will keynote the meeting.

A reception honoring AEB's guest will be held at the Holiday Inn following the close of activities at the rehabilitation center. Last event on the agenda is a breakfast hosted by the International Services for the Blind and Westinghouse Lamp Division. It will be held Sunday (August 27) at the Holiday Inn.

Each visitor to AEB during VDGD will be hosted by an Arkansas Lion or an out-of-state member of the board. According to the number of international family members attending, this could mean up to 100 other Lions and their wives involved in the event.

Purpose of the Day is to show DG's from those states bordering Arkansas the service provided the blind from their state. In 1977, 165 of the 254 trainees receiving training (this number excludes the 139 served under the older blind project in Arkansas) were from Arkansas or its neighboring states.

Board Gives Kumpe Honorary Position

AEB's board of directors has bestowed another honor to Roy Kumpe, the rehabilitation center's executive director for almost 40 years and currently president of its affiliate — the International Services for the Blind.

At the recommendation of the Constitution and By-Laws committee, the board named Roy Kumpe a lifetime ex-officio member and designated him as chairman emeritus.

KUMPE'S LATEST — Roy Kumpe holds his latest national award with assistance from two men representing the association giving the award. At left, Ted Fabyn, of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the Association of Rehabilitation Facilities; and Milton Cohn [center] of New York City, award committee chairman, help Kumpe. The presentation was made in Kansas City during the Association's national convention.

State Sight Conservation Group Elects Harold Riggs Chairman

Harold Riggs of North Little Rock, last year's vice-chairman of the Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee, was elected chairman for 1978-79 by the committee.

Meeting June 4 at the AEB Rehabilitation Center in Little Rock, the committee voted for a recommended 50-50 split of White Cane proceeds between the local Lions club and the committee. Arkansas Lions generally hold their White Cane activity in October.

Other officers elected to guide the 19-member panel responsible for providing leadership in Lions' sight conservation work in this state are Royce Pendergrass of Hope, vice-chairman; Joe J. Poe of Hot Springs, secretary; and Orval M. Bair of Horseshoe Bend, treasurer.

This year the committee is asking Lions of Arkansas to raise $144,000 as their "fair share" of AEB's $1.3 million-plus budget. This will average approximately $20 per club member. EKB's budget will be approximately $33,000, or $5 per member.

Elected during the state convention in Pine Bluff for two-year terms as district representatives were John E. Latimer Jr. of Lonoke, N; and Wilburn Theis of Horseshoe Bend, O.

They join carryover representatives Poe of L, John Copening of Fort Smith, I; and Riggs of S. Others on the committee are District Governors Pendergrass, Strand, Plank, Joyce and Wilkinson; and past District Governors Crutchfield, Sanders, Bair, Cherry and Markham.

Edward G. Barry Sr. of Little Rock, past International President, is chairman emeritus.

ARF Honors Kumpe For 40 Years Work

Roy Kumpe, president of the International Services for the Blind (ISB) received the 1978 Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (ARF) on May 15.

Kumpe, who was executive director of the AEB Rehabilitation Center for almost 40 years, received the award during the 9th annual ARF conference in Kansas Ctiy.

The award cites Kumpe's leadership in rehabilitation programs for the blind, his assistance to other centers planning programs for the blind, and his work in other countries improving their services.

The ARF is a national association of rehabilitation facilities working together to improve services for their disabled clients, and maintaining high standards for those services.

The ISB, affiliated with the AEB, provides scholarships for professional trainees from other countries to AEB. These are individuals who will return to their own country and work in service programs for the blind.

SSC Will Name 'Man Of The Year' Winner At Meeting

Arkansas Lions will learn the State Sight Conservation Committee's "Man of the Year" during the 32nd Sight Conservation Forum at the AEB Rehabilitation Center on August 27.

The award is named in honor of Edward G. Barry Sr., past international president, director emeritus of the committee.

1977 Chairman Norris Walthall and a committee are reviewing five finalists. This winner will be selected for his outstanding work for sight conservation. He will be named August 27.

Harold Riggs of North Little Rock, newly elected chairman of the committee, will make the announcement.

Lions representing each Arkansas sub-district are expected to attend. As many as 140 may be present. Emphasis will be on meeting the budget for AEB and the EKB, plus a renewed effort to improve the White Cane drive in October and the light bulb sale each Spring.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Nancy Vanderhider of Houston, Tex., (AEB '70) was featured in a recent Houston **Chronicle** news story. Mrs. Vanderhider, now a medical transcriptionist, related her experience of blindness and described her work of helping others cope with their problems — blindness or otherwise. She has become an informal counselor by telephone, assisting friends and friends of friends who call. On occasion she has been recommended by local ministers as someone who is very understanding and helpful.

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Ernest Hagen of Casper, Wyo., (AEB '77) is continuing work on his opera. He reports by letter he is working out details for a performance in Casper. He hopes to use the original cast with orchestra, ballet and full staging. He is also in contact with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts concerning a presentation there next summer. Ernest sends his best wishes to everyone.

National Society Observes 70th Year

A service group that AEB supports and works closely with is observing its 70th anniversary in 1978.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has been credited with many advancements in the prevention of blindness caused by diseases, accidents, and lack of medical attention. The Society has 25,000 volunteers in 23 state affiliates. The Arkansas affiliate is located in Little Rock.

Current campaigns are working to eradicate amblyopia or "lazy eye," glaucoma, cataracts and eye accidents. The Society uses screening programs, films, literature and funding of medical research to reach its goals.

During the 70 year history of the service the volunteers have taken mule trains into the hills of Appalachia to set up trachoma clinics, pamphleteering in the 1920s to warn against blindness caused by consumption of wood alcohol, setting up programs and developing special materials for the education of partially sighted children.

Arkansas Lions Coming Up Short On Giving For Center's Budget

With one month remaining, Arkansas Lions were short of their quota of AEB's budget by more than $36,000.

The Sight Conservation Committee had established a goal of $118,000 as the Lions' share of the rehabilitation center's operating expenses for 1977-78. As of May 31, $81,509 had been paid towards this quota.

Based on a per member share, the ideal contribution would have been approximately $17 per club member. At this date the $81,509 equals $11.76 per member, based on the Arkansas Lions roster of 6,931 members on July 1, 1977.

Of the 196 clubs on record at the beginning of the year, 163 have made payments to AEB. One hundred and twenty-one of them have given more than $10 per member and 31 have given $17 or more per member.

The Wilson Lions in O have paid $40 per member, and the North Little Rock Lions in S have given $35. Other clubs exceeding $20 per member are, in L, Benton, $23; Bryant, $26; Camden Evening, $20; DeQueen, $27; East Camden, $25; Hot Springs South, $21; Malvern, $20; and Mena, $23;

In I, Morrilton, $20; and Russellville, $23; in O, Mountain Home, $26; Newport, $20; in N, West Helena, $23; and in S. Conway Evening, $20; Jacksonville, $20; Little Rock Founders, $25; Little Rock Oak Forest, $20; Little Rock Park Plaza, $30; Little Rock Southwest, $20; Pine Bluff Evening, $20; and Watson Chapel, $20.

In the Districts, 31 clubs out of 40 in L have contributed $19,259, 35 of 42 in I have contributed $15,387, 35 of 42 in O have contributed $15,545, 31 of 33 in N have contributed $11,155; and 31 of 38 in S have contributed $20,163.

Largest contribution by a single club has been $3,000 by the Little Rock Founders. North Little Rock has given $2,800, Hot Springs Village $2,336, and Cherokee Village $2,000.

For the coming year, the Lions' share of AEB's budget is $144,000, or $20 per member.

BRIEFING — Dr. Robert Winn [center] of Washington, D.C., director, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was a recent visitor to AEB and was given a briefing on the rehabilitation center's program with the "Project with Industry" grant. Also pictured are [left] Duane Balentine, AEB's director of Rehabilitation; and [right] Dr. Larry Dickerson, AEB's research consultant.

AEB & ISB Send Envoys To Other State Meets

Both AEB and its affiliate, the International Services for the Blind, have been represented at state Lions conventions in those states bordering Arkansas, plus South Carolina and Multiple District 5.

Attending the Missouri convention in Joplin were Roy and Bernice Kumpe. During the assembly the Missouri Lions voted AEB as one of their state projects. The Kumpes also attended the South Carolina meeting.

Joining them for the Tennessee convention in Chattanooga were Bob (AEB's business administrator) and Dickie Shepard. Lions in Tennessee District O sent back a $3,000 contribution, and Tennessee District I contributed another $1,950.

Howard and Phyllis Hanson attended the South Dakota convention in Sioux Falls, and Wes and Carol Smelley traveled to Tahlequah for the Oklahoma meeting.

Jim (AEB's director of community relations) and Linda Davis attended the Mississippi convention in Natchez, and Edward G. and Ada Barry Sr., and Anthel and Carolyn Marlin attended the Louisiana assembly.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Heber Springs Lions have provided 12 magnifying reading glasses to the Lakeland Lodge Nursing Home in Heber Springs. The low vision aids will be used by the elderly patients for their personal reading needs. Jerry Stephen is club president.

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The Malvern Lions recently completed a clean sweep of the town with their broom sale. The 52 member club sold 420 house brooms, 240 warehouse brooms and 60 whisk brooms. The club raised approximately $2,400. Club president is Woodrow Baker.

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Softball and concession stand were the big money makers for the Bryant Lions. The club's 12-team slo-pitch softball tournament and the concession stand earned the club approximately $1,000 for their sight conservation projects. D. Derrell Davis is club president.

LUDDEN CITED — R. T. "Dick" Ludden, recently retired as AEB's chaplain and field counselor, was honored by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind with its Superior Service Award. Another AEB retiree, Roy Kumpe, made the presentation during the AAWB's state meeting at the Sam Peck.

College Prep Students From Five States Attending 18th Program

Arkansas . . . Oklahoma . . . Louisiana . . . South Carolina . . . Connecticut . . .

Those five states are represented in AEB's 18th College Prep program that began June 12 with 19 recent high school graduates enrolled.

AEB's program has prepared 744 students for their first year of college. Statistics indicate less than 12 percent of the AEB-prepared freshmen fail their first year. Drop out rate among the blind without this special training exceeds 50 percent.

During the nine-week program the students will sharpen their skills in Braille, math, techniques of daily living, orientation and mobility, typing, social skills and other areas. They will also receive academic instructions.

Most of the training will be given on AEB's campus, however they will spend some time on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock learning the library system and auditing summer classes.

Jim Cordell, AEB assistant executive director, is coordinating the program. Mrs. Mary Ellen Hayden will be the academic instructor.

Other activities for the college-bound individuals will be speakers from various backgrounds discussing programs for the blind, careers history of work for the blind, and new technology available.

Editorial For Kumpe

Roy Kumpe's receiving the Association of Rehabilitation Facilities' Distinguished Service Award in Kansas City last month earned an editorial comment from the Arkadelphia **Sifting Herald.**

The newspaper called Kumpe the "guiding light for the blind in Arkansas."

The editorial went on to describe Kumpe's work and recognized the leadership he has demonstrated on other programs. It also mentioned the Arkansas Lions and their assistance.

Swedish Trainee Is 38th Country

Inga-Lisa Lundin of Malmo, Sweden, a rehabilitation teacher for the blind in her home country, last month completed her Inservice and Staff Development training at the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Miss Lundin's Sweden represents the 38th country served by AEB.

During her visit to this country, Miss Lundin studied at various rehabilitation facilities through a scholarship she received from Soroptimist International of Europe.

During her two-weeks at AEB, Miss Lundin worked in most areas of training provided by the rehabilitation center. She was most impressed by AEB's wide range of vocational programs, the size and professionalism of the staff and the facilities.

All training programs for the blind in Sweden are operated by the government.

AEB admitted its first international trainee in 1955. During Miss Lundin visit, she was the fourth international trainee on the Lions club-sponsored campus.

Lions Charter Two, Planning A Third

Two new Lions Clubs have been chartered in Arkansas and a third is scheduled in July.

The Lake Village Lions were chartered June 8 with PIP Edward G. Barry Sr. of Little Rock the charter night speaker. This club was sponsored by the Dermott Lions. Guiding Lion is Jimmy D. Young of Dermott.

The Little Rock Metrocentre, a breakfast club for Little Rock, was chartered June 27 at the AEB Rehabilitation Center. PID M. C. Lewis of Hot Springs was the charter night speaker. The Little Rock Founders Lions Club is the sponsoring club and Tom Purifoy is the Guiding Lion.

Both Lake Village and Metrocentre are in District S.

Arkansas' youngest club will be the Harrisburg Lions in District O. They are scheduled to be chartered July 11 by PID Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler of Little Rock. Sponsored by the Trumann Lions, the new club's Guiding Lion is Billy Cook of Trumann.

CIRCUS TIME — A number of AEB trainees attended the 107th edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus when it visited Little Rock. The trainees were guests of the circus. They, and a sighted guide selected by radio station KKYK, were given a "touch and feel" tour of the circus, met with the clowns and visited with several of the performers. In addition to the tour, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey prepared Braille copies of the program for the blind. These programs will be available for any blind person attending the circus.

CSA And CP Courses Graduate First Class, Seven Involved

AEB's newest vocational programs, the Community Service Advisor and Computer Programmer, have graduated their first classes. Seven blind individuals completed the two courses.

Five of the graduates were members of the CSA course, the first of its type ever in the nation. Three of the graduates have secured jobs, the other two are expected to be employed by early July.

Members of that class were David Ransom of North Little Rock, Margo McDaneld of New Orleans, Ken Goodwin of Little Rock, Jim Dawkins of Fairfield Bay and Memphis, and Jackie Hudson of Little Rock. All except Ms. McDaneld are employed in Arkansas.

Two individuals completed AEB's first computer programmer course. Wesley Lee of Shreveport, La., and Steve Britt of Los Alamos, New Mex., were members of the first class. Both have interviewed for several job openings and should be employed before July 1.

The second CSA course started while the first was still in progress. Four trainees are enrolled in this class. They are Gayle Brunt and Al Griffith of Little Rock, Dorothy Ciccoli of Athens, Mich., and Michael Seay of Memphis. All expect to take jobs and work in Arkansas.

Currently enrolled in the computer programmer course is Martha Goff of Iberia, Mo.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Editorial

The Rest Of The Story

with apologies to Paul Harvey

Perhaps every Arkansan has heard, at one time or another, the story behind the creation of the "Bowie Knife" by blacksmith James Black of Washington, Ark. How Black agreed to deliver, within 90 days, a knife designed by James Bowie.

Black made two knives, one according to Bowie's design, and the other by a pattern Black created. When Bowie saw the knife designed by the blacksmith, he chose it immediately over his own creation for two reasons. One being the superior design, the other being the steel of the knife's blade. Black's 12 processes, a secret that died with him, produced steel that rivaled Damascus steel for strength, hardness and its cutting edge. Bowie, and the knife, blazed into history as a knife-fighter and hero of the Alamo.

But what about James Black. As Paul Harvey says, "That's the rest of the story."

Black, a silversmith by trade from New Jersey, settled in Washington about the time the town was organized in 1824. He went to work for a blacksmith, and as happens so often, fell in love with the bosses' daughter.

The father objected, and for six years Black struggled at various enterprises to win acceptance. Nothing prevailed, so in 1832, James Black, designer of the "Bowie knife" and Anne Shaw of Washington, Ark., eloped and were married in Batesville, Ark.

His father-in-law never accepted Black. He blamed his daughter's death six years later on his son-in-law and former blacksmith partner. In 1839, while Black was weakened by fever, his father-in-law attacked and beat him severely. Black's eyesight was damaged. He went East for medical attention but was diverted to a quack doctor in Cincinnati who finished the damage his father-in-law started. James Black returned to Washington in 1840 — blind and penniless.

Black was given employment by a doctor, Dr. Isaac N. Jones. His benefactor charged the former blacksmith to "look after" his four sons while Dr. Jones was visiting patients in backwoods Arkansas. Dr. Jones died in a boiler explosion in 1858 and Black was left in charge of raising his sons.

For 33 years, a blind James Black, former blacksmith, silversmith, adventurer and creator of the famous "Bowie knife," was caretaker, confidant, nursemaid and friend to the sons of Dr. Isaac Jones.

The best recorded description of those years was an account written by Daniel W. Jones, perhaps the closest of Dr. Jones' sons to the famous Black. Young Daniel Jones learned much from his blind friend. Many of his goals and ethics were no doubt influenced and molded by James Black.

Just as Black had had a part in Arkansas' history, so too did Daniel Jones. He served his state as its 19th governor from 1897 to 1901. Although blind, James Black left his mark on his state in his later years almost as dramatically as when he created the "Bowie knife."

"That," I'm sure Paul Harvey would say, "is the rest of the story."

Information for this historical essay about the life of James Black came from three sources. One is the Congressional Record of April 10, 1972, written by Arkansas Gazette columnist John Flemming, one of the early editors of New Life. Other sources were "Washington, Arkansas: History on the Southwest Trail" by Mary Medears, and "The Old Town Speaks" by Charlean Moss Williams.

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GOING UP — A blind person rock climbing? That's right. Larry Skutchan of Hope, Arkansas, is on the lower end of the line working his way towards Joe Spradley of Little Rock, above. For more on this, see Pages 4 and 5.

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Fowler's Campaign Looking For Victory In Chicago, '80

Arkansas Lions, and their 3rd vice-president candidate, Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, now have a definite goal — Chicago, 1980.

"Everything is all out for Chicago," says the candidate, a past international director, 100 per cent district governor and past president of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

During the past year and a half — actually since the 1977 Mid-Winter Conference in Hope — Arkansas Lions have been on the campaign trail, but often it resembled one of Arkansas' meandering mountain highways instead of a concerted effort to win the slot that leads to Lions International's highest office, the President.

"That's because we were working quietly behind the scene," explains the candidate. "We were solidifying support from other states and planning our strategy. Also, the campaign for the 1978 election, held in June at Tokyo, was so unsettled that we couldn't commit ourselves too heavily until we knew for sure the true picture."

Fowler went to Tokyo as a full-fledged candidate, but withdrew when it became obvious the campaign was bucking such heavy odds.

Herman West, past international director and one of Fowler's campaign advisors, quoted these figures: "There were 7,387 certified delegates and 4,069 of these were Japanese voters. Only 1,635 North American Lions were in attendance."

Elected 3rd vice-president was Kaoru "Kay" Murakami of Kyoto, Japan, with approximately 80 per cent of the vote. He defeated Dominic J. Carlone of New Orleans. Three other candidates were certified to run but withdrew. They were Dr. Fowler, James E. "Bing" Miller of Malvern, Pa., and Everett J. Brindstaff of Ballinger, Tx.

"That's behind us now," Fowler says, "We are going all out for victory in Chicago in '80."

"Our decision to withdraw," West points out, "was on the council and advice of our friends and supporters from throughout Lions International. Now with their backing and encouragement we feel very good about our prospects for 1980."

Campaign Strategy

First step toward victory in Chicago is a tremendous showing at the 1979 Montreal convention. Several steps are being taken that will insure Arkansas' candidate a good showing there.

Tentative plans call for at least two Arkansas high school bands for the parade with as many Arkansas Lions marching as possible. Another idea is an Arkansas reception for as many as 2,000 visitors.

Fowler projects that each Arkansas Lions Club should attempt having ten club members in Montreal. With Arkansas' current roster of approximately 200 clubs, this would represent 2,000 Arkansas Lions in the Canadian city. That would be a "lot of red."

As over the past year, Fowler will continue his visits and speaking engagements for Lions Clubs, state and district conventions. Not finalized, but at least one trip outside the United States may be involved.

Financing

One critical area in the campaign is financial support. Arkansas Lions voted to raise $5 per member at the 1978 State Convention in Pine Bluff. But even before that vote, the campaign had never received the type of financial support it needed, although there was an impressive "parade of checks" at the 1977 Jonesboro state convention.

Dr. Fowler and West both estimate the campaign will need at least $50,000 for each of the next two years. This will cover the candidates' travel expenses, literature, letterheads, postage, a reception in Montreal and other expenses to make the effort a good one.

West points out that while running a candidate for this position, Arkansas is actually promoting Lionism in Arkansas for the state's 7,000 members. "We are on record as supporting our candidate which puts us on the spot to make as fine a showing as we can," he concludes.

The Candidate

Fowler's qualifications for 3rd VP, and eventually president of Lions International, are excellent. He is a 30-year member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club (the oldest in Lionism), a 100 per cent district governor, and an international director in 1974-76. He is a past president and current board member of AEB. He is a vice-president of the International Services for the Blind and has served as VP of the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank and a trustee of Lions International Foundation.

Awards include the Extension Award, four International President's awards and the Ambassador of Goodwill. He is also a key member.

Fowler was the first chairman of the advisory council for the Arkansas

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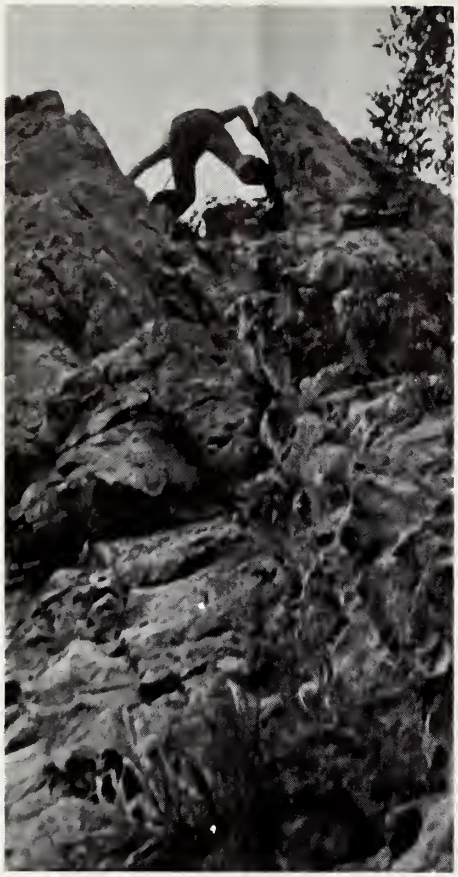
Rock Climbing:



NEAR THE TOP — Only a few feet from the top, Larry Skutchan inches his way up a chimney he encountered. At this point he was approximately 100-feet above the base of the cliff.

"Belay on?"
"On belay!"
"Climbing."
"Climb!"

With that series of commands Larry Skutchan of Hope (Ar.), started climbing a 30-foot rock wall on a "razorback" ridge west of Little Rock.

On the other end of the belay was Joe Spradley, co-owner of Ozark Outdoor Supply in Little Rock and a rock climbing hobbyist.

Slowly, Larry inched his way up the 5.1 difficult climb. (5.11 is the greatest degree of difficulty in official rock climbing. 5.1 the least.) Hand and feet coordinating, searching and exploring for a fissure, ledge, crevice or any outcropping or opening that would let him keep a three-point contact with the wall - just as Joe had instructed - Larry scaled his first rock cliff.

"Amazing, just impressive," was the instructor's comments.

For Larry, who couldn't appreciate the beautiful view from the top, nor truly realize the complexity of his feat, it was just another step along the road to a "new life." Larry has been blind because of retinal detachments since May, 1978.

"I can do anything I set my mind to," he claims. He went a long ways towards proving his case when he spent more than three hours climbing and descending a sandstone ridge that reached upwards to 120 feet with outcroppings and chimnies adding to the degree of difficulty.

"Larry was just amazing, very impressive and real quick at learning new techniques," says his teacher, Joe Spradley. Not only is rock climbing Joe's hobby, but he teaches the techniques and safety rules that's part of this rugged outdoor adventure.

Larry is his first blind student. "There's no particular personal challenge for me working with a blind person, although it really taxes your instructing skills; it's just that I have a skill I enjoy sharing with others. I respect the handicapped, but only in my passing imagination have I thought about a blind person rock climbing."

Summing up Larry's performance, Joe concedes his probably did better on the first climb than anyone he's ever taught. "It's really great working with Larry."

Unlike his teacher who has climbed volcanoes in Mexico, Mt. Rainier in Washington, the Rockies in Colorado, peaks in Alaska and is preparing an assault on the Grand Tetons in Wyoming next month, this was Larry's first experience. He says he never thought much about rock climbing

AT THE TOP — Joe Spradley [left] and Larry Skutchan catch their breath and discuss their climb after scaling a rock cliff west of Little Rock.

A New Experience

before, and, "afterall, there's just not many opportunities around Hope for such activity."

The prospects of a blind person climbing a mountain developed after a visitor from England told of the sport being included for the blind in that country. Elise Diesel, AEB's physical fitness instructor, discussed the possibility with Spradley. He was intrigued with the idea and agreed to work with someone showing real interest.

Larry displayed that interest.

Being high above the ground isn't new for Larry. The 21-year old college prep student at AEB who plans staying over at the rehabilitation center for personal adjustment training before entering college next January, worked derricks on a workover rig in the South Arkansas oil field.

"I've never been afraid of heights unless there was a reason," he points out.

After blindness, Larry says he spent one week at home before deciding nothing good could result from it. With the assistance of his rehabilitation counselor, Mary Scott of Texarkana, he entered AEB in June.

In discussing his clmb, he calls it "a big kick," and "a new thrill." "I was surprised I could identify the hand holds so easily," he admits.

His most serious mistake was not clearing his way above when climbing, nor extending his legs far enough down when descending.

"I really bumped my head good on an outcropping that I wasn't expecting." On the way down he was within two inches of the cliff's bottom, but didn't extend his leg as far as he could, thus prolonging the climb and increasing the chance for a misstep.

One particular part of climbing Larry liked was that the mountain wouldn't move nor shake. "Working derricks was scary sometimes because it would twist and shake. The mountain was solid as a . . . rock."

Commenting on his instructor, Larry had nothing but good words. "First," Larry explains, "Joe's very good with words. He explains what to do and how to do it very clearly. Second, he won't tolerate an unsafe act nor wrong method. He says 'if we're rock climbing or tying knots, we'll do it correctly no matter the situation.' "

Larry's climb was a two-day effort. One day was spent learning knot tying and use of the equipment. The second was getting familiar with the rock wall and two climbs. The first was the 30-foot, 5.1 degree climb; the other was approximately 100-feet, 5.4 degree climb with an outcropping and a chimney to climb.

He passed both tests with flying colors. Next will be similar efforts with rappelling included.

"Sure I want to do some more," he says. "Since becoming blind my world has become much smaller, but climbing that cliff broadened it a whole bunch."

Former Resident Chairs Commission

Earl Dotson, D.D.S., of Richmond, Va., has been appointed to the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped. He was later elected its chairman.

Dr. Dotson, a native of Little Rock, is a member of the International Services for the Blind's board of directors. He is a Lion and has served District 24-D as its district governor.

Dr. Dotson is a regular participant in AEB's annual Visiting District Governors Day.

HANGING LOOSE — WELL ALMOST: Larry Skutchan searches for a handhold near the mid-point of his 100-foot climb. The belay rope, around his waist, will catch him if he should misstep.

AAWB Region Elects Dickerson President

Larry Dickerson, a research consultation for AEB and a graduate program director at the University of Arkansas Little Rock, was elected president of the Southwest Region of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Albuquerque, New Mexico, last month.

Lila Lampkin, administrative assistant at AEB, was re-elected secretary. Charles Raeke of Austin, Tex., state supervisor, program evaluation/program development for the Texas State Commission for the Blind, was elected vice-president.

Two awards of interest were made. The Roy Kumpe award went to Harold Bruce of New Mexico, and the Regional Superior Service Award went to Mrs. Blanca J. Lastrapes of Baton Rouge.

Held biennially, the 1980 conference is scheduled for Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Countdown To Visiting District Governor's Day Nearing Zero

All activities at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind on August 26 have one purpose — showing the visiting district governors from neighboring states the many ways the rehabilitation center serves the blind from their state.

This will be the 18th year AEB will open its doors to the DG's from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Missouri, and other guests. Among this year's host of Lion dignitaries will be International President Ralph Lynam of Alma, Mich.

Others expected to attend are several current international directors, plus a number of past international presidents, past directors and past district governors.

This won't be Lynam's first visit to AEB. He attended VDG Day in 1976. Lynam was elected 3rd Vice-president in Dallas in 1975 and was elected president of the world's largest service organization this past June in Tokyo, Japan.

Each visiting governor, as well as all other guests, will have an Arkansas Lion, or an out-of-state board member, as host for Saturday. It's expected at least 100 Arkansans and their wives will be involved in the VDG Day this year.

Activities for the day include tours of AEB and demonstrations of blindness skills by AEB trainees. Wes Smelley, AEB's president and official host for the activities, will preside over the event. There will be a trainee entertainment, history of AEB and remarks from a trainee on Saturday's program.

President Lynam will give the keynote address. Afterwards, a reception will be held at the Holiday Inn-Downtown, headquarters hotel for the event.

A breakfast, hosted by the International Services for the Blind and the Westinghouse Lamp Division, will be served Sunday morning at the hotel.

Committees working on the event, and their chairmen, are Dr. Jim Fowler, chairman of the VDG Day, with Edward G. Barry Sr., M. C. Lewis and Herman West as co-chairmen; Jerry Markham, budget and contribution committee; Jim Gunter, host committee; Jim Stallcup, Tarnished Brass; Al Isenman, hospitality and hotel registration; Brad Scott, transportation; Ernest Gephardt, baggage; Jim Davis and Henry Thomas, publicity and program; Harold Riggs, gift packets; and Roy Kumpe, breakfast.

A LION FOR DOWN UNDER — Dr. Wilfred H. Colley of Christchurch, New Zealand, an optometrist, receives a ceramic lion statue from AEB executive director Howard Hanson. Dr. Colley visited the rehabilitation center while in the U.S. for several meetings. One other Arkansas stop was in Fayetteville where he visited Lions friends he had met at an international convention. In addition to speaking before a trainee assembly, Dr. Colley toured AEB and spent some additional time observing the rehabilitation center's Low Vision Aids Clinic.

Ralph A. Lynam

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

AEB's new president, Wes Smelley of Little Rock, has been named a Vice-President of his firm, Commercial National Bank of Little Rock. Smelley is personnel manager of "The Bank."

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Fleming D. Chastain of Perryville, a charter member and past president of the Perryville Lions, died at age 83. The family requested memorials be made to the AEB. The rehabilitation center extends its condolences to the family and our sincere appreciation for their thoughtfulness towards others.

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The summer issue of "The Kurzweil Report," the newsletter for the Kurzweil Computer Company of Cambridge, Mass., carried a story about AEB's research project on the Kurzweil Reading Machine. It included a photo of Dr. Jim Fowler and International Director Ed Flood of Amarillo, Tex. Margo McDaneld of New Orleans, a former AEB trainee, is also pictured.

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AEB sends its congratulations to Lion and Mrs. Brad Scott of Little Rock who observed their 50th wedding anniversary in July. The Little Rock Founders Lions, of which Lion Brad is a past president, gave a reception in their honor at the Sam Peck Hotel.

From Nova Scotia

Canadian Trains At AEB

Arkansas Lions attending the 1979 Lions International Convention in Montreal, Canada, can expect pleasant weather: cool nights, gentle days and low humidity.

Sounds like either paradise or clever propaganda from the local Chamber of Commerce, but it's not. Marilyn Neal of Halifax, Nova Scotia, gave that beautiful description of Canadian weather.

Marilyn is a 10-week visitor at AEB for professional training in orientation and mobility. That's the job she'll fill when she returns to the Sir Fredrick Fraser School in Halifax in late August.

It's all very new, this work in the field of blindness, to the spring graduate from the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, with a degree in Human Kinetics. Immediately after graduation, with a brief trip to Disney World sandwiched in, she came to AEB.

Sir Fraser is a government sponsored residential school with an enrollment of 136. At present the school doesn't have an orientation and mobility instructor.

TECHNIQUES OF O&M — Marilyn Neal of Halifax, Nova Scotia, [right] observes Creighton Carpenter [left], AEB O&M instructor, assist Joe Foy of Spartanburg, S.C., with use of the "white cane."

"In fact," Marilyn explains, "there's currently only one O&M instructor in the Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland."

A surprise for Marilyn was the amount of vocational training available to the blind at AEB. "Vocational training for the blind in my country is limited," she says.

"However," she adds, "we're doing a good job and will work to do better."

Arkansas' summer of 100-plus heat and scant rain hasn't turned her sour on our part of the world. She hopes to work several years and return to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for her master's in O&M.

AEB Photograph Given To Center

One of AEB's most easily recognized symbols is the photograph of the lion statue with the campus in the background. It was made by Little Rock photographer Earl Saunders in the mid-1960's.

Mrs. Jean Saunders, widow of the photographer, has contributed the negatives and use of them to the rehabilitation center. Mr. Saunders died this year.

Since being taken shortly after the completion of the Barry building, the photo has been used on the center's letterhead, brochures, annual reports and in several national magazines.

AEB greatly appreciates Mrs. Saunders generous gift.

Parker Is OBVI Council Chairman

Dr. J. Mayne Parker of Little Rock, an ophthalmologist and director of AEB's low vision aids clinic, was elected chairman of the governor's advisory council for the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Vice-chairman is Eiland J. Hall of Little Rock, manager of the vending stand in the Federal Office Building.

Other AEB related members of the advisory council are Roy Kumpe and Billie Elder.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Margaret Harris (College Prep and AEB '76) of Mooringsport, La., writes after her second year of college that she is maintaining a 3.4 average. She also reports writing poems for a gospel radio station and promises to send Mrs. "Mac" some copies.

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Laura Kendall (CSIS '73) of Alhawbra, Calif., is now working for the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Sacramento, Calif. Her brother, Richard, field representative for Apollo Lasers, Inc., gave this report on Laura.

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Wedding bells rang for Vivian Hudson (College Prep and AEB '76) of Fort Smith and David Matedia in June. Vivian, who had been attending University of Central Arkansas in Conway, is now working for Whirlpool in Fort Smith.

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Feridoon Esktandari (College Prep and AEB '73) from Iran was a recent visitor to AEB's campus and a speaker before the current College Prep class. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and will be earning his master's in economics from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He is vice-president of the Disabled Students Association at the U. of A.

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Robbie Gray (AEB '56, '57, '58 and '61) and Leo Dahlman (AEB '62), now Mr. and Mrs., a match AEB can claim credit for assisting, are busy in Springfield, Mo., with their garden. Robbie was recalling, in a letter to Lila Lampkin, the early days at AEB. She remembers there were only 13 trainees enrolled when she first entered training in '56 and she was one of only two females. The popular gathering place was home management where they usually made coffee, popcorn and fudge. This was during the time the rehabilitation center was located in the old mansion. Robbie is now a rehabilitation teacher with the Missouri Services for the Blind in Springfield.

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Mrs. Lewis Thompson by Mrs. Julian Apple
Miss Katherine Wiles by Mrs. Julian Apple

GET WELL

John Miller by AEB Board and Staff

50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott by Mr. and Mrs. Al Isenman

(Fowler from page 3)

Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He has served as chairman of AEB's Visiting District Governor's Day for the past several years. He assisted this program becoming the largest gathering of Lions International's official family outside an International Convention until the first USA Forum in Chicago last year.

Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler

USA Forum

Hot Springs is one of nine areas bidding for the 3rd USA Forum in '79. While campaign activities are barred at these gatherings, Arkansas Lions can impress Lions throughout the states with a successful meeting if it wins the bid.

"We want to impress Lions everywhere that Arkansas' Lions are active, dedicated and committed to serving their fellowman," Fowler says.

Arkansas has had one International President, Edward G. Barry Sr. of Little Rock in 1957-58. Arkansans who have served as International Directors include Barry in '50-'52, M. C. Lewis of Hot Springs in '64-'66, West of Searcy in '69-'71, and Fowler.

The dates Arkansas Lions must keep in mind are July 2 through 5 in Chicago in 1980. But before then, as Fowler and West have indicated, there's an awful lot of hard work.

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Editorial

Final Tally

Seventy-six dollars per member! That's the Wilson Lions contribution to the AEB Rehabilitation Center for 1977-78.

Wilson, in District 7-O, has traditionally set the pace for Arkansas Lions the past few years, but never by such a margin. The Wilson Lions, with 19 members, raised $1,450 for AEB.

Arkansas Lions as a whole could not match the increase in support of the Wilson Lions. The clubs supported their state project with $88,827.53, far short of the $118,000 needed by the rehabilitation center, but better than last year's $79,217.

One hundred, seventy-two of the state's 196 Lion Clubs made contributions to the rehabilitation center. The Little Rock Founders Lions raised $3,000, just above the North Little Rock Lions' $2,800. The Hot Springs Village Lions raised $2,336 and the Cherokee Village Lions raised $2,000.

Clubs contributing $10 per member or more to AEB in 1978 (listed by districts) were:

DISTRICT L

10 for 1
Ashdown
Camden
Delight
Glenwood
Gurdon
Hope Evening
Hot Springs Downtown
Hot Springs Mid-America
Hot Springs Oaklawn
Magnolia
Mineral Springs
Murfreesboro
Nashville
Prescott
Texarkana

15 for 1
Arkadelphia
Hope
Hot Springs Village
Jones Mill

20 for 1
Benton
Camden Evening
Hot Springs South
Malvern
Mena

25 for 1
Bryant
DeQueen
East Camden

DISTRICT I

10 for 1
Bentonville-Bella Vista
Berryville
Dardanelle
Eureka Springs
Farmington
Fort Smith Southside
Gentry
Green Forest
Greenland
Harrison
Mulberry
Ola
Ozark
Perryville
Rogers
Russellville Evening
Springdale

15 for 1
Bull Shoals
Fayetteville
Fayetteville Evening
Fort Smith Noon
Fort Smith Evening

20 for 1
Morrilton
Russellville

DISTRICT O

10 for 1
Blytheville
Blytheville Evening
Cherokee Village
Cherokee Village Indians
Corning
Highland
Horseshoe Bend
Jonesboro Nettleton
Jonesboro University Heights
Lepanto
Mammoth Springs
Osceola
Paragould
Piggott
Pocahontas
Salem
Weiner
Westside

15 for 1
Batesville
Jonesboro
Manila

20 for 1
Newport

25 for 1
Mountain Home

76 for 1
WILSON

DISTRICT N

10 for 1
Augusta
Clinton
Des Arc
Dewitt
Fairfield Bay
Helena
Horseshoe Lake
Kensett
Lonoke
Parkin
Quitman
Searcy
West Helena Evening
Wynne

15 for 1
Forrest City
Heber Springs
Hughes
Marianna
Stuttgart

20 for 1
West Helena

DISTRICT S

10 for 1
Dermott
Eudora
Gould
Jacksonville Noon
Little Rock Pulaski Heights
Pine Bluff
Redfield-Jefferson

15 for 1
Conway
Crossett
Grady
Little Rock Oak Forest
Little Rock Pleasant Valley
North Hills
Warren
Whitehall

20 for 1
Conway Evening
Jacksonville
Little Rock Founders
Little Rock Southwest
Monticello
NLR Park Hill
Pine Bluff Evening
Watson Chapel

30 for 1
Little Rock Forest Heights
Little Rock Park Plaza

35 for 1
North Little Rock

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On The Cover

LION FOR LION — Perhaps AEB's most prestigious gift given visitors is the Lion statues made by trainees in work evaluation. Wes Smelley (left), AEB president, presents one of the large Lions to Ralph Lynam, Lions International president.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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AEB Prepares Opening Of 8th Vocational Training Course

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind will open its eighth vocational course November 1 with at least six potential trainees. The course — Personnel Interviewer Program (PIP) — will run six months.

Funding the new course is the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), funds administered by the Department of Local Services, Division of Employment Development. AEB's funding will come from discretionary funds controlled by Governor David Pryor's office.

If this sounds familiar to you, it should. Last year the first two classes of the Community Service Advisor (CSA) course were funded by this same method. AEB will eventually assume financial responsibility for the training.

The rehabilitation center begins the program with a three month grant training two classes of at least six persons each. After CETA receives new appropriations from Congress, the final contract will be negotiated.

Evaluation for the first class will begin October 1. Interviews are currently underway for an instructor.

After completing training, its expected the blind individual will be qualified for positions as screening interviewer, recruiter, or commercial agency interviewer. Potential course members must meet the same standards of personal adjustment skills all AEB vocational trainees must pass. Some skill areas will require greater levels if they are relevant with job duties in the personnel field.

Other characteristics AEB deems important for prospects are social maturity, willingness to work, accept directions and constructive criticism, and good communication skills.

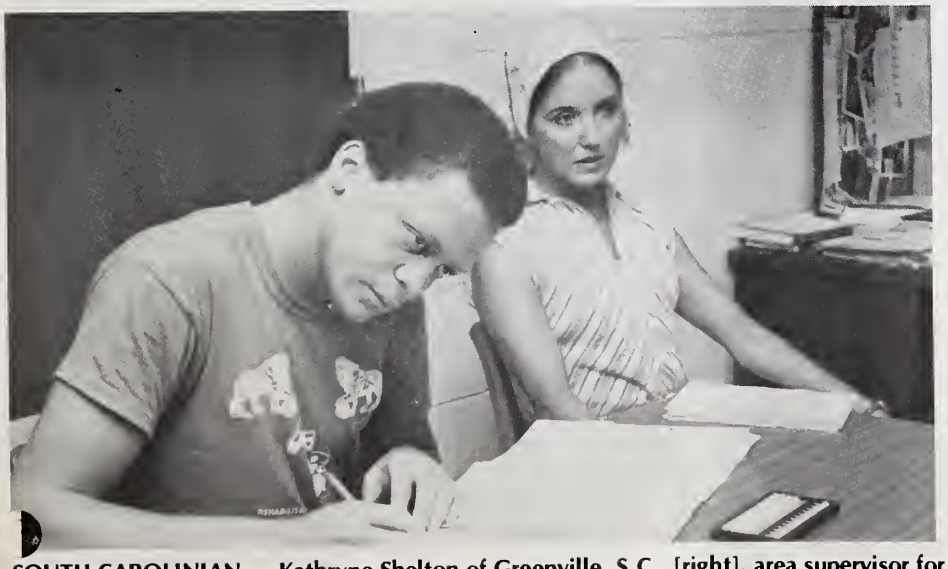
Major training areas will be in the areas needed to assist personnel interviewers conducting applicant screening and employment interviews.

Panel Appoints Hanson Technical Consultant

Howard H. Hanson, executive director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, has been appointed a consultant on the National Panel of Technical Assistance Consultants for one year.

The panel works with the Division of Facilities, Office of Human Development Services, Rehabilitation Service Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Hanson will be assisting other agencies serving the handicap develop programs that will improve the services they provide the blind and individuals with other handicaps. Consultant assignments are for one to five days.



SOUTH CAROLINIAN — Kathryne Shelton of Greenville, S.C., [right], area supervisor for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, recently visited AEB for two days observing our programs. Herbert Reado of Baton Rouge, La., a small business management trainee, works on a problem as Mrs. Shelton observes a SBM class.

RICK DAY

Day Joins AEB AS Research Director

Richard R. Day, Ph.D., of Birmingham, Ala., reported to work August 15 as AEB's research and staff development director.

Day was an assistant professor for three years with George Peabody College, teaching human development and counseling in England to Air Force personnel working on advanced degrees.

A native of Alabama, Day received his B.S. in economics and M.S. in psychology from Auburn University. He earned his doctorate from the University of Virginia in counselor education.

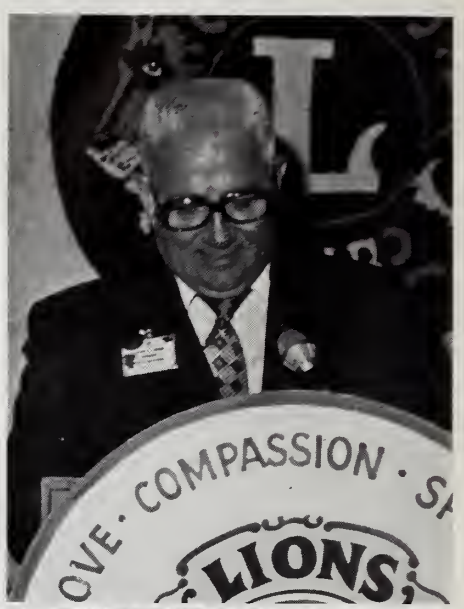
He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, American Personnel and Guidance Association and American College Personnel Association. Active in athletics — both playing and officiating — Day is a nationally sanctioned softball umpire and has license to officiate basketball and baseball in Virginia. He enjoys travel, music and working with children and young adults.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

Lion J. E. Singleton, a charter member of the Lonoke Lions Club that was organized February, 1952, and Mrs. Singleton will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on October 11. Congratulations from AEB — its directors, staff and trainees — on this occasion and best wishes for many more.

AEB's Version Of Mardi Gras, Convention and USA Forum All



(Above) **SYSTEM 6 — Kay Huckaby of Little Rock [right] demonstrates the IBM System 6 while Debbie Maglothin [left] explains the training course for a VDGD tour.**

(Above right) **PRESIDENT — International President Ralph Lynam speaking before the assembled guests of AEB's VDGD.**

(right) **WHITE CANE TECHNIQUES — Mobility demonstration by Terry Reed of Lavern, Okla., and AEB instructor Don Clemons.**

Ralph Lynam of Alma, Mich., president of Lions International, speaking before an overflow crowd attending AEB's 18th annual Visiting District Governors Day (VDGD) encouraged Arkansas Lions to share the program with Lions everywhere.

Lynam pointed out that "we sometimes become overprotective and want to hold tight to what we have built." He cited AEB's international work and the fact it has served individuals from all 50 states as an example of sharing Lionism through the rehabilitation center.

Elected International President in Tokyo last June, Lynam was making his first visit to the state as president. He previously visited Arkansas as 3rd vice-president and as international director.

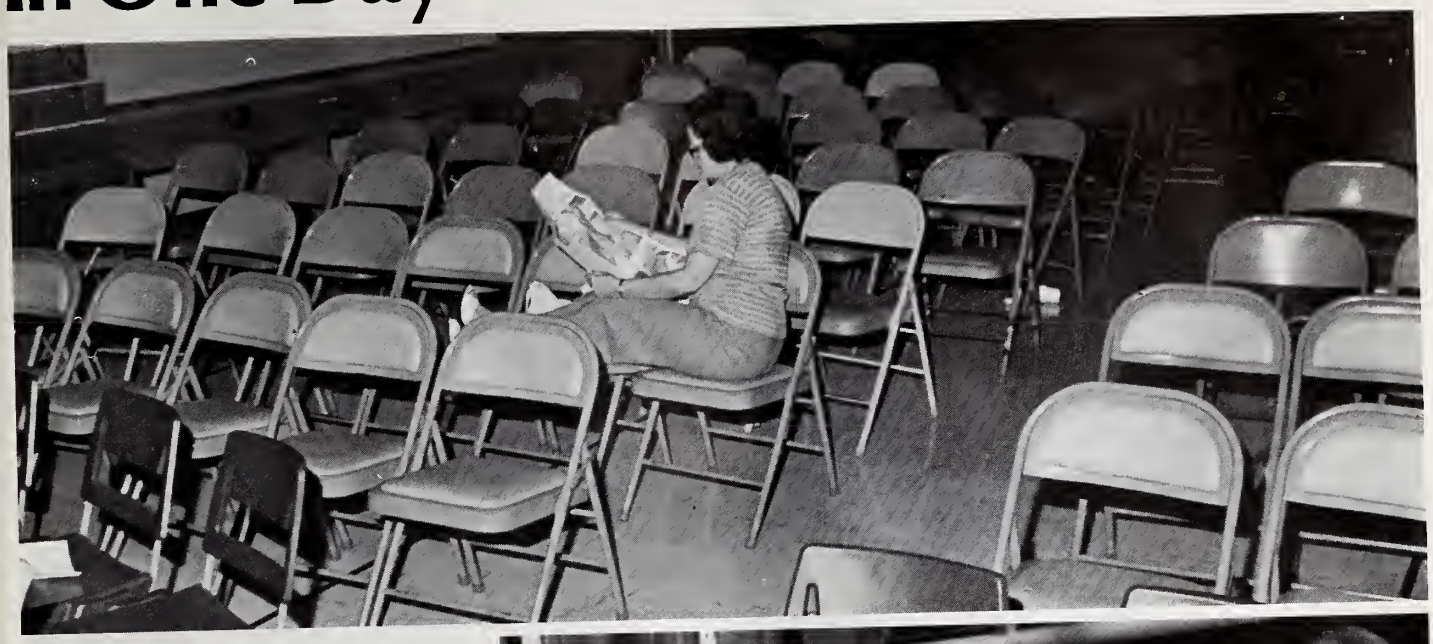
The audience hearing Lynam's address, more than 325 in number, covered an array of Lions. It included district governors from Arkansas and surrounding states, several current international directors, several past international presidents, including Arkansas' Edward G. Barry Sr.; a large contingent of past international directors and past district governors, and numerous Lions from this state.

They were part of the VDGD at AEB that stands as the largest gathering of visitors ever on the campus. More than 400 persons were involved in the event which technically could be counted from Wednesday — when IP and Mrs. Lynam arrived — until after breakfast Sunday.

First activity scheduled for Mr. Lynam on Wednesday occurred without him. He was the scheduled speaker for the Little Rock Founders Lions Club regular meeting, but confusion on his arrival time in Little Rock nullified that address.

Other activities were on schedule: an address before the Hot Springs Lions Club, attending an official visit

International In One Day : VDGD



(Above) **ALL ALONE — Mrs. Calvin Jones of Texas City, Tex., wife of the DG from 2-S4, relaxes during the dinner hour. For once during the VDGD, AEB's auditorium was the quietest place on campus.**

(right) **WATERMELON GIVEAWAY — Assisting with the kick-off for VDGD, the Hope Lions presented three 100-plus pound watermelons to state and Lions officials. Gov. David Pryor, Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell and International President Ralph Lynam received the giant watermelons. Royce Pendergrass [center] explains watermelon growing to the news media and [from left] Ann Pride of the Governor's staff; Lion Joe Purcell, Arkansas' Lt. Gov.; Harold Riggs, state Sight Conservation Chairman; and Wes Smelley, AEB president.**

by District Governor Royce Pendergrass of Hope to the Hot Springs Oaklawn Lions Club, several golf games, a dinner sponsored by the Hot Springs Village Lions, a watermelon feast hosted by the Hope Lions, and VDGD at AEB.

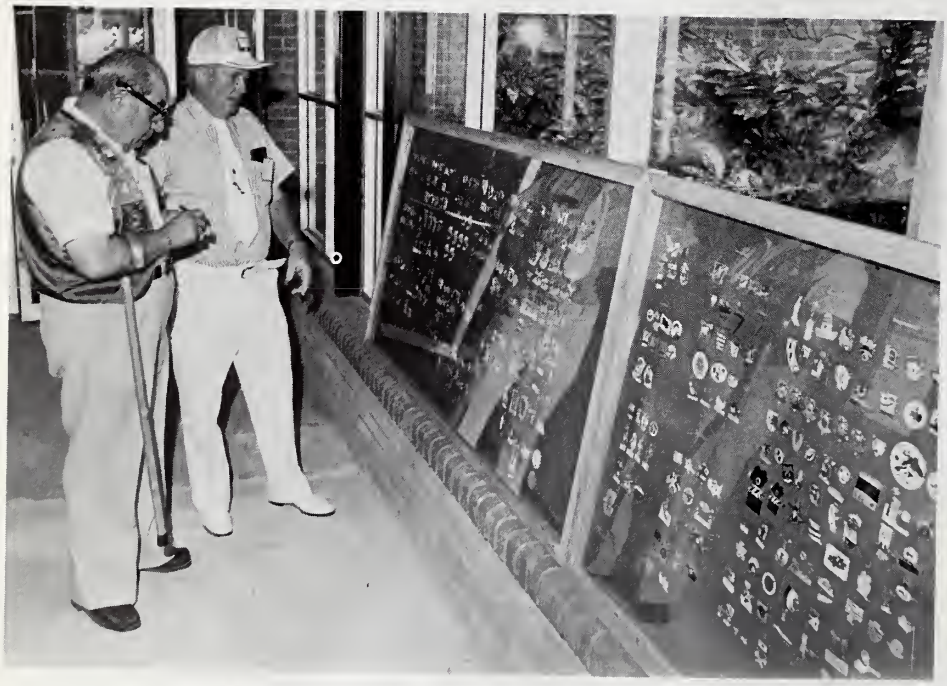
The rehabilitation center's staff provided tours of the facility for the visitors and AEB trainees demonstrated the instructional areas. A reception followed the tours, and entertainment by several trainees preceded the official program.

Wes Smelley, AEB president, served as master of ceremonies for the program. Howard H. Hanson, AEB executive director, welcomed the visitors. Herman West, past international director from Arkansas, and Barry introduced the visitors.

Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind (ISB), gave a history of AEB, with Louis Rives Jr., administrator, Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Van Carpenter of Hamburg, Ark., a trainee, giving viewpoints of rehabilitation training. Rives spoke from the professional angle and Carpenter from the trainee's.

The challenge for other Lions to assist AEB was given by Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, past international director from Arkansas. Accepting the challenge on behalf of Lions everywhere was Austin Jennings of Woodbury, Tenn., a past international director.

Last event of VDGD was a breakfast held at the Holiday Inn-Dowtown, headquarters hotel for VDGD. It was sponsored by the ISB and the Westinghouse Lamp Division. Jess Odom, chairman of ISB's board; Roy Kumpe, its president; and M. C. Lewis, past international director from Arkansas, presided at this program.



(Above left) **DISCUSSING HANDICAPS — Arkansas Lions would never take advantage of a visitor on the golf course. President Lynam appears dubious about these four duffers.**

(Above) **PIN TRADING — Even the pin traders got into the act at VDGD. Past District Governor Dr. O. J. Ratcliff displayed his collection and did some trading.**

(Above right) **WELCOME TO AEB — International President Ralph Lynam is welcomed to Little Rock and AEB by Howard S. Hanson, AEB's executive director.**

(Lower right) **HOW TO — For anyone wanting to know how to carry a 110-pound watermelon, this watermelon was given to IP Lynam, Royce Pendergrass, Jerry Markham and two AEB staff members show how it's done.**

Lions Plan Strategy For White Cane, Light Bulb Sale At Forum

Arkansas Lions kicked-off their 1978-79 sight conservation work with their annual Sight Conservation Forum at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind with more than 140 Lions attending.

Harold Riggs of North Little Rock, chairman of the sight conservation committee, opened the 28th Forum with a panel of Arkansans who provided services for the blind.

Members of that panel who presented their programs and later answered questions from the Lions were Mrs. Virginia Chandler, public health educator, vision and hearing consultant, Arkansas Department of Health; J. M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind; Louis Rives Jr., administrator, state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Mrs. Cleota Mullins, library consultant, Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Royce Pendergrass of Hope, vice-chairman of the committee, conducted the second half of the program. This segment featured reports from AEB, Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank, International Services for the Blind light bulb sale, outstanding fund raising efforts from each district and a challenge by Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler for Arkansas Lions to increase their efforts for the blind.

It was also during this gathering that clubs were recognized for outstanding support over the past year. Certificates were given by AEB to clubs raising $10 per member or more, the Sight Conservation Committee recognized those clubs in each district doing outstanding work, and the presentation of the Edward G. Barry Sr. Award was made.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Don Petty of Norman, Okla., (College Prep '73) is a third year journalism student at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Petty, deaf and blind, has completed 84 hours with a 3.2 grade average. He hopes to enter public relations work after graduation.

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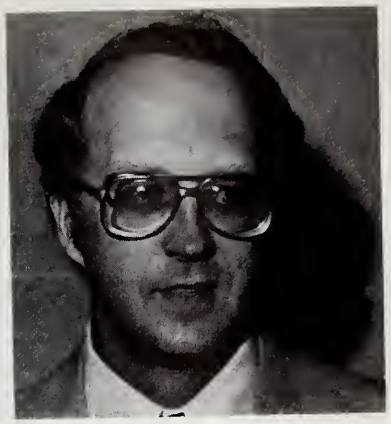
Ken Orriss of Virginia Beach, Va., (TSR '76) is now working in Virginia Beach with a contractor repairing and altering Navy ships. Ken wrote he worked during last filing season with the Internal Revenue Service and hopes to land a full-time job.

S STILL 76 FOR 1 — The Wilson Lions Club in District O raised $1,450 for the AEB Rehabilitation Center. This averaged $76 per member for the 19 member club. The certificate for this accomplishment was given J. F. Rogers of Wilson [right] during the Lions Sight Conservation Forum. District Governor Harold Plank of Horseshoe Bend looks over the certificate.



Barry Award Goes To Dr. Singleton

E. Mitchell Singleton M.D., a Fayetteville ophthalmologist, was the recipient of the Edward G. Barry Sr. Award, an award designated for outstanding sight conservation work and given by the Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee.

The award was presented August 27 during the Arkansas Lions 28th Sight Conservation Forum. Harold Riggs of North Little Rock, chairman of the Sight Conservation Committee, made the presentation on behalf of last year's chairman, Norris Walthall of North Little Rock.

Singleton is a member of the Fayetteville Evening Lions Club. He earned the Barry award, the highest recognition for service in sight conservation given by Arkansas Lions, for his work establishing glaucoma screening clinics, amblyopia screenings, an Electroretinography (ERG) Laboratory at Washington Regional Medical Center and his work with Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank.

Dr. Singleton is an assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Arkansas Medical Science Campus, lectures at the Area Health Education Center, Fayetteville, and Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville.

He was the 1977 recipient of the Fayetteville Evening Lions Club's Meritorious Service Award.

The Barry award is given in honor of Edward G. Barry Sr., past Lions International president and first chairman of the Arkansas Sight Conservation Committee. Barry now serves as chairman emeritus.

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Mrs. Ernest Glaze by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Schell
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Mrs. Presnell by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Ruth E. Fields by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott
Mrs. Irvin Velflick by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway
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PID A. C. Kidd by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Frank McGehee by Mr. Wilton Treadway

Birthday

Robert L. Boyd by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Skutchan
Mrs. Roland Pommier by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Skutchan

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Six of the 16 students enrolled in AEB's College Prep program earned scholarships. They were [front] Alan Miner of Salina, Okla., Positive Mental Attitude award donated by the Serendipity Fund of Texarkana; [second row, center person] Theresa Parker of Talisheek, La., female dorm representative; Terry Reed of Laverne, Okla., Quasar Chapter of the American Council for the Blind Award; [third row] Ben Davis of Boyce, La., male dorm representative; Michael Franco of New Orleans, Quasar Chapter of the American Council for the Blind award; and Tim Stokes of Bernice, La., outstanding student. The awards for Parker, Davis and Stokes totaled $500 and were given by the Delta Gamma Sorority. At left is Mary Ellen Hayden, college prep instructor.

25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Anthel Marlin by Miss Lila Lampkin

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Editorial

ARKANSAS: No Bid

Arkansas Lions' bid for the 3rd USA Forum next September for Hot Springs was withdrawn following some exhaustive thinking and discussion by the Council of Governors while in Detroit. This most likely will prove to be a very wise decision. Not that we couldn't have done a very creditable job.

Hot Springs may not have as spectacular hotel as the Detroit Plaza, but there's enough quality hotel space available. Air transportation might be a more serious problem, but those landing in Little Rock wouldn't have a much longer bus ride than those who landed in Detroit. There was some concern that our plane had landed in Ohio we were so far from downtown Detroit.

But Arkansas has several activities that need our full attention; a USA Forum might dilute our concentration on these very important events.

First, there's Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler's campaign. Arkansas Lions need to focus more attention and effort towards this campaign. There's much work to be done at the Montreal Convention, and later even more preparing for the big one in Chicago in 1980.

Second, AEB's Visiting District Governors Day comes up a month before the 3rd Forum is scheduled. Everyone is aware of the effort this event requires.

And third, Arkansas Lions' Fall Conferences would occur sometime within these weekends.

All in all Arkansas Lions' have a crowded calendar between now and the election in Chicago. Maybe later Arkansas can host a Forum, one in which we can devote our full attention.

Sustaining Membership

Once a year approximately 1,500 individuals receive a letter from the rehabilitation center. These individuals are AEB supporters who have indicated one way or another they want to be part of the rehabilitation center's work. Their contribution in response to our sustaining membership letters of a year ago averaged $20. Gifts ranged from several dollars to $1,000.

This year our mailing list will be expanded by more than 7,000 names. For the first time Arkansas Lions will be offered the opportunity to contribute through this method. At present, most Lions work on club projects that raise money for AEB. Very few give a direct gift. This year will be different.

AEB Public Relations and Fund Raising Committee Chairman Norris Walthall of North Little Rock asks Lions to respond in two ways. He asks each Lion to contribute a contribution. He also asks each one to forward to AEB several names of non-Lions in his community who might make a donation. Walthall, who never requests anything of anyone he won't do himself, has already made his contribution and submitted a list of names.

Looks like the ball's in our court now!

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AEB PIN — AEB now has an official friendship pin. It was designed by Dickie Shepard, wife of AEB's business administrator and past District Governor Bob Shepard. The yellow background, blue and white AEB logo pin with gold lettering, is now available from AEB's business office at $1.50 each.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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On to Montreal!

Where your knowledge of French will be useful.

Where Arkansas' "red coats" will perhaps meet another group of "red coats" — the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Where English is spoken with a funny accent.

Where Arkansas Lions will serve notice of its intentions of electing Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler 3rd vice-president of Lions International in 1980.

Lion Purcell Will Be Arkansas' Governor

Joe Purcell, a Benton Lion, an AEB board member and Arkansas' lieutenant governor, will serve as Governor of Arkansas for several weeks. This comes about because David Pryor is sworn in as U.S. Senator on January 3 and Arkansas' new governor will not be sworn in until mid-January.

For at least two weeks it will be Governor Joe Purcell.

Let's see, that means a Lion as governor and a past district governor as U.S. president . . . not bad!

And it all happens in just about nine months — June 19-23, 1979.

Plans are underway making this convention one of the more active and exciting ones for Arkansas Lions in several years. An Arkansas All-State band will lead Arkansas' contingent in the International parade. Vick Kemp of Jacksonville is chairman of the band committee and he's working with the Arkansas Band and Orchestra Association to form a 100 piece band for the convention.

Another annual event popular with Arkansas Lions is the Arkansas Breakfast. It will be held Wednesday, June 20, at the Holiday Inn-Downton, the headquarter hotel for Arkansas.

Rooms are being held for reservations by Arkansas Lions. Advertise Arkansas chairman, Jack Walters of Fayetteville, reports 113 rooms available now and perhaps others will be made available later. He points out these rooms will be given on a first-come basis.

Travel arrangements are being handled by George Tollini, Arkansas Bank and Trust Travel in Hot Springs. Two packages are available. An air charter, round trip, is approximately $235. A bus trip, including hotel, lunch and transportation, is $325.

Lion Tollini emphasizes side tours are available to those interested. Anyone wanting to reserve a seat on either the air or bus charter, should enclose a $100 deposit to Tollini, P.O. Box 5640, Hot Springs, 71901. His telephone is 1-800-462-9295, ext. 342.

Another mode of travel is private car. Advertise Arkansas requests anyone traveling by auto let them know so they can keep an account of the number of Arkansas Lions to expect in Montreal.

Registration forms are available from the Advertise Arkansas Committee, your District Governor, Herman West or **New Life** office.

Everyone concerned is urging Arkansas Lions to register early. A good showing from the state would be 300 Lions and Lionesses.

FIRST KUMPE FELLOW — Larry Harrod of Memphis, Tenn. [right], was the first professional worker for the blind to receive a Roy Kumpe Fellowship. Roy Kumpe presented Harrod a certificate on the occasion.

AEB Awards First Roy Kumpe Fellowship To Tennessean

A Memphis resident, newly hired as a rehabilitation counselor for the Tennessee Services for the Blind, is the first recipient of a Roy Kumpe Fellowship. It was awarded in September.

Laurence Harrod audited AEB's training programs for one week before returning to his job. The first Kumpe Fellow was new to work with the blind prior to being accepted by AEB for professional in-service training.

Kumpe Fellowships were established earlier this year by AEB's board of directors to honor Roy Kumpe on his retirement as the rehabilitation center's executive director for almost 40 years. Funds for the awarding of Fellowships, given by interested persons in honor of Roy Kumpe's work with the blind, now total more than $3,500.

Through this method, AEB feels it can assist new workers in the field of blindness develop their careers and provide better service for the blind. The goals of the Kumpe Fellowships are to support better educational programs, stronger accreditation standards and solid intern programs through beneficial in-service training.

A Roy Kumpe Fellowship pays for the individuals transportation and related cost to AEB and return home. During their stay at the rehabilitation center, their room and board is paid by the Fellowship Fund.

Harrod is a former director of education at the First Evangelical Church, Germantown, Tenn., and a past president of the Tennessee Association of Disability Examiners. He will work in the Memphis office of the Tennessee Services for the Blind.

He reported his impressions of AEB were all good. "I never imagined a rehabilitation center as comprehensive as this one," he said. "The staff works so hard together as a team. I feel this week will make me a better counselor having had the opportunity of observing AEB's programs."

A New Look At An Old Tradition: Lions Sight Conservation Committee

This month it's White Cane Days.

Next spring it's the annual light bulb sale.

In between there's broom sales, rummage sales, radio auctions, Halloween candy, hams, and hundreds of other ways Arkansas Lions raise money. The purpose: finance their sight conservation projects.

The need for funds for this type work became critical in 1946 when the Arkansas Lions voted to accept the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind as their state-wide project. First money for the new rehabilitation center was raised by the Little Rock Founders Lions, but it was evident one club couldn't carry on a project of this scope.

If the AEB Rehabilitation Center was to be a state project and serve the blind from neighboring states, as well as those from Arkansas, then full participation from the Lions Clubs would be needed. A state-wide committee might be the answer.

During the same 1946 convention in Hot Springs that accepted AEB as a state project, a committee was appointed and charged with finding a method that would finance the project. Their answer was adopted in 1947 by the state convention meeting in Fort Smith.

The committee recommendation called for the forming of the Arkansas Lions Committee for Sight Conservation and Work for the Blind. The committee was to be made up of the District Governors, immediate past District Governors, and one person elected from each district for a two-year term.

The committee was destined for success. It had two members who would become International Presidents — Finis E. Davis and Edward G. Barry Sr. First meeting was held in the superintendent's office of the Arkansas School for the Blind with Finis Davis presiding.

First chairman was Edward Barry, a job he held for three years. He was elected chairman emeritus following his third term and continues active with the committee.

The major items facing the new committee was financing the rehabilitation center. They had accepted a goal of raising 50 percent of the center's operating budget. AEB was providing prevocational and adjustment training to the adult blind. This presented an idea for fund raising.

"Be Thankful You Can See" seals were prepared and the committee selected the weeks near Thanksgiving as the time for the sale. Lions Clubs across the state agreed to participate in one giant effort.

A split between the committee and the local clubs of 70-30 was arranged. From its 70 percent, however, the committee would have to pay for the campaign — seals, printing, postage and addressing the envelopes. All else would go to the rehabilitation center's operating budget.

The local club would use its 30 percent share for their sight conservation work, such as purchasing eyeglasses, conducting eye screenings and similar programs.

The seal sale had its good points. It showed the people of Arkansas that the Lions were "Knights of the Blind." The sale was a good educational tool, telling the general public about work for the blind in the state. Many individuals who were blind learned of the rehabilitation center through the seal sale. At the same time Arkansas Lions were learning too, about the state project they had committed themselves to support.

There were liabilities. Cost being the main objection. Although the Lions donated the manpower, and AEB's staff, with assistance of volunteers, addressed and stuffed envelopes, the cost took a great deal of money collected.

At one time, for a short period, a person was hired to handle the seal sale and provide publicity. Even this arrangement required a great deal of manpower and expense.

These factors led the Sight Conservation Committee to bring a resolution before the 1954 State Convention in Camden to discontinue the seal sale and let each club assume a responsibility of raising a "suggested quota" for the center's operating budget. It was approved and Lion Clubs begin looking for other fund

CLUB CONTRIBUTION — Jim Davis [center], director of Community Relations at AEB, displays a check from the Hot Springs South Lions Club totaling $1,494., the club's contribution for the state Sight Conservation Committee. At left is Evan Ruck, the club's sight conservation chairman; and right is Cal Duncan, club president. The gift was $1,200 for AEB and $294 for EKB.

TENNESSEANS CITE KUMPE — Roy Kumpe [center], attended the District 12-N [Tennessee] Fall Conference last month and received a plaque from the Tennessee Lions recognizing his work with Tennessee's blind citizens during his 40 years as AEB's executive director. Making the award were, at left, Dr. Preston C. McDow of Red Bank, AEB chairman for District 12-O, and, at right, Austin Jennings of Woodbury, past International Director and an AEB board member.

raising efforts to raise their quota. Some continued the seal sale for years, but most adopted projects that are still popular today.

First item of business after adopting the "suggested quota," how to find a "suggested quota?" Three factors were taken into account: 1) the amount raised the previous year, 2) the population, and 3) the number of members in the club. Charged with arriving at the "suggested quotas" are the DG's-elect, working with the current DG's.

Each club receives its suggested quota from this sub-committee and reports back if they accept it. Most accept the "suggested quota," but work to raise more for the state project.

In 1947 there was only one state project for Arkansas Lions — AEB. It continued that way until 1970. At that time the Sight Conservation Committee was approached about cooperating with the Human Tissues Foundation, which was sponsored by a local banker and an ophthalmologist from the University of Arkansas Medical Center, and organize an Eye and Kidney Bank.

It was again in Hot Springs at the State Convention that Arkansas Lions adopted their second state project, the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank. The EKB was "to promote an educational program to secure all the Lion members to sign Eye Donor cards, and to raise an operating budget to finance this educational program."

Two quotas were now needed. Original quotas were $10 per member for AEB and $3 for EKB. As cost increased, and needs became greater, minimum quotas were raised to $20 per member for AEB and $5 for EKB.

The committee maintains its make-up established in 1974. Members are the DG's, immediate past DG's and five Lions elected from their district. Also on the committee are the immediate past chairman, the president of AEB and the chairman of EKB. Edward G. Barry Sr., the committee's chairman emeritus, rounds out the committee.

Arkansas Lions are given a yearly report of the committee's work on the last Sunday in August, and at the same time are urged to support the committee's goals for the coming year. The Lions take time during their annual Sight Conservation Forum to recognize clubs doing outstanding work and individuals who had made significant contributions to sight conservation work in Arkansas. Latest winner of the Edward G. Barry Award is Dr. E. Mitchell Singleton of Fayetteville.

There's more to the Arkansas Lion Sight Conservation Committee than, pardon the pun, meets the eye. It's a fund raiser, an administrator, an educator and most of all, it's the Arkansas Lions way of serving the blind and visually impaired.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Grady Lions sponsored their 23rd annual fish-fry with more than 1,600 persons attending the combination homecoming and giant picnic. According to the Dumas **Clarion**, 1,850 pounds of catfish, a ton of potatoes, 400 pounds of hushpuppies, 400 pounds of slaw and 5,000 pounds of watermelons were consumed. Now that's a Lion-size picnic!

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Twenty-seven Arkansas Lions, representing all five sub-districts of 7, attended the 2nd USA Forum in Detroit. They were among the 1,300 other Lions representing all 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, all lost in the vastness of Detroit's Plaza Hotel in the city's Renaissance Center. Activities started Friday afternoon and ended Sunday shortly before noon. In between the Lions attended seminars, dinner meetings, motivational talks and reports on future work. Roy Kumpe, former AEB executive director, and Jim Gunter, past district governor from Hope, were participants on the Sight Conservation seminar.

White Cane Days Held In October

Many Arkansas Lions Clubs held their annual White Cane Days earlier this month — October 2 through 7. There's no report of success at press time.

According to Lila Lampkin, AEB administrative assistant who oversees the mailing of White Cane seals, 47 Arkansas clubs requested 99,000 seals. "We don't know how many clubs may have had seals left over from last year and didn't order any additional ones."

One reason for the popularity may be that every cent collected from the public goes into sight conservation work. Royce Pendergrass, White Cane chairman this year, points out that the club buys the seals and does the work themselves, thus no part of a contribution is used for expenses.

Harold Riggs, state sight conservation chairman, says the committee requests clubs share their White Cane proceeds 50-50 with the state committee.

STAFF MEMBER HONORED — The 1978 A. P. Jerrell Award for Excellence, given by the Georgia Rehabilitation Association, went to Casey Christenberry, AEB rehabilitation teacher in personal management. Casey, who teaches in the kitchen, received the award from her counselor, Ted Langford of Rome, Ga.

Woolly Earns 1978 Migel Medal For Outstanding Work For Blind

J. M. Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, is the 1978 recipient of the Migel Medal, the highest honor awarded by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) for outstanding work with the blind.

Woolly has been the school's superintendent since 1947, having been a teacher and principal earlier. He has been a member of AEB's Service Advisory Council, a member of the International Services for the Blind's executive committee, and a director of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. He served on the Foundation's Board of Trustee in 1962, and as vice president of its executive committee.

The Migel Medal was established in 1937 in honor of the first president of the AFB. The award will be presented to Woolly this month at the AFB headquarters in New York.

Other Arkansas residents who have received the Migel Medal are Roy Kumpe, former AEB executive director, and Louis Rives Jr., administrator, Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

New Drug Gets Approval, Will control Glaucoma

There's a new drug on the market which its manufacturer, Merck, Sharp and Dohme, claims will treat glaucoma, an eye disease that afflicts an estimated two million persons and causes blindness.

The new drug, Timoptic, has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and is expected on the market this month.

Glaucoma is a buildup of fluid pressure within the eye that damages the optic nerve and destroys sight if untreated. Timoptic, according to the pharmaceutical company, effectively controls higher fluid pressure. The new drug eliminates the vision blurring or irritation associated with other glaucoma drugs.

Rehab Funds Safe, Credit To Bumpers

U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, a member of AEB's board of directors, has maintained Arkansas' funding for rehabilitation of the handicap, defeating an attempt by Senator Jacob Javits (D-NY) to reduce the funding.

Javits wanted the rehabilitation funding formula rewritten to award funds based on population only. Bumpers wanted it to remain on the basis of population and instance of poverty. The latter method means Arkansas receives a good-sized portion of rehabilitation funds.

State agency leaders working with the handicap believe Bumper's work saved the state three to five million dollars for rehabilitation services, which includes training for the blind at AEB.

AAWB Establishes Fund Honoring MacFarland

The American Association of Workers for the Blind has established a memorial fund in honor of Douglas C. MacFarland, director of the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Department of Health, Education and Welfare at the time of his death.

Dr. MacFarland was a frequent visitor to AEB. His last visit was for the dedication of the Fowler Building.

He was also helpful in AEB's receiving federal grants for its vocational projects. An outstanding example is the "Project With Industry" grant now in its sixth year. Seventy-nine blind individuals have been placed in jobs under this program.

Contributions may be sent to the Douglas C MacFarland Memorial Fund, in care of AAWB.

Opera Televised

"Beret and Per Hansa," a folk opera written by a former AEB trainee while in training at the rehabilitation center, was televised last month by the Arkansas Education Television Network.

Ernest Hagen of Casper, Wyo., finished the opera while at AEB. He had started the project before losing his sight. It was presented in February by UALR opera at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

TRAINEE BANQUET — AEB's September banquet speaker was Kim Wickes of West Memphis [center], a blind Korean evangelist and Christian singer. Miss Wickes was blinded when the North Koreans invaded her village in 1950. She is a graduate of Indiana University with a bachelors and masters in music and studied in Vienna, Austria, under a Fulbright Scholarship. She has been a soloist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. As chairman of Kim's Ministries, Inc., Miss Wickes assists the blind, orphans and disabled veterans. Trainees in charge of the banquet were Mike Kempe of Indianapolis, Indiana [left], and Daphyne Christopher of Baton Rouge, La., [right].

NEW COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS — Don Puska [left], AEB's computer programmer instructor, stands with the first two graduates from the computer programmer training course. They are [from left] Steve Britt of Los Alamos, New Mex., and Wesley Lee of Shreveport, La. Lee has recently started work in the data processing center for the City of Shreveport. There are currently five individuals enrolled in the current class.

Magazine Publishes Staffers Article

The latest edition of the **Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness**, a publication produced by the American Foundation for the Blind, carries an article written by Jeff and Johnette Weiss, AEB staff members. It's entitled, "Teaching Handwriting to the Congenitally Blind."

Their article describes methods of teaching handwriting skills to congenitally blind individuals by using the six-dot braille cell as a guide. The Weiss' system employs numbering the dots and connecting numbers to form cursive letters.

The braille cell was selected for the teaching method because the congenitally blind have a greater awareness of braille than any other system. The method they describe has been used for a number of years at AEB.

Johnette Weiss is AEB's abacus and talking calculator instructor, and Jeff teaches braille.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Charlotte Souder of Columbus, Ohio (AEB '65-'66), recently visited AEB while traveling with her parents on an 8,000-mile vacation. Their travels took them on a tour of the northwest U.S., California, into Mexico, San Antonio, where she visited another former trainee; then Little Rock and on to Columbus. Charlotte is employed by the United Seal Co. in Columbus making bank seals.

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Wesley Lee of Shreveport, La. (CP '77-'78), a member of AEB's first computer programmer training course, is now employed as a programmer with the data processing department of the City of Shreveport. His counselor, Don Rankin, a rehabilitation supervisor with the Louisiana Blind Services Program, informed AEB of Mr. Lee's job while expressing his appreciation with the job preparation AEB had given Wesley.

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Texas District Governor Joe Parish of Odessa had word of a former trainee when he visited AEB during Visiting District Governor's Day. He reported Charles Heard (AEB '70) is serving as 1st vice-president of the Odessa Lions Club. Lion Heard recently lost a bid for county commissioner by 31 votes to the incumbent.

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Jack McSpadden of Little Rock (TSR '67) was recently the subject of a story in the Southwestern Bell Telephone's Arkansas employee newspaper. McSpadden, an employment supervisor for Bell, is a member of the Emergency Eye Network. Amateur radio operators who are members of the Net report on the availability and need of corneal transplant material. McSpadden represents the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank.

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Dr. Russell Myers of Woodbury, Tenn. (AEB '76), the first medical doctor to receive training at AEB, spoke on his experiences and training at the Tennessee Lions District 12-O Fall Conference in Cookesville, Tenn. Dr. Myers continues his hospital administrator work and his farming. He spent the day prior to the Fall Conference painting fences. He sends his regards to the staff and trainees.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

John Lewis by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vahrenkamp
Maurice McCollum by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Mrs. Jean Hester Meyers by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Mrs. Nell Jessup by Mr. and Mrs. Mac Trimble
Mrs. Mary Braswell by W. J. Lowe
Mrs. Eleanor Powell by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
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Everett Watts by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
Mrs. Ida Alford by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mrs. Julian Apple, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson
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J. Saxton Arnold by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hegglund
Stuart Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pace
Mrs. Katie L. McCollum by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley
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"Granny Hackney" by The Alan McKenzie Family
Maurice Tebay by The Alan McKenzie Family
Dr. Jerome S. Levy by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Robert Sakon, Dr. J. M. Fowler
Roy Chism by Hughes Lions Club
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Gilroy Young by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Selma Loeb Sanders by Robert Sakon
Dave Byrd by Dr. J. M. Fowler
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Only Once A Year

We look forward to events that occur once a year with greater anticipation than those which occur everyday. I think it's natural. If you don't feel this is true, show me someone who would rather work everyday than eat turkey on Thanksgiving, open presents on Christmas, or enjoy the bowl games on the First.

Those once a year events are special because they happen only . . . once a year.

Search as you may, I don't believe you could find an Arkansas Lion anywhere who could survive a Visiting District Governors Day each weekend. One does most of us in. Thank goodness White Cane Day is "a day," and the Spring Light Bulb sale happens "every spring." And don't forget the Halloween candy sale. Too many of us end up buying our own goods, and eating them too. Only our dentist smiles.

Good things happen once and then we go on to something else. Everyone is happier. Really it's a good system.

Same thing is true with AEB's Sustaining Membership program. It's a "once a year" event, yet its importance is felt throughout the year. This year AEB will include Arkansas Lions on the mailing list for the first time. Previously only a few Lions were included in the yearly mailing. This year's mailing, scheduled for November 22, will include more than 7,000 Lions and 1,500 non-Lions.

The decision to include Lions in this mailing wasn't an easy one to make. After all, most Lions work on several projects during the year raising money for AEB. Is it fair asking for a personal donation?

My answer is yes! Sure Arkansas Lions work hard raising money for the rehabilitation center. Yet each year we fall considerably short of what's needed. Last year we were almost $30,000 short. This year the Lions' deficit could be greater. Not because the Lions are slacking off, but because the need is greater. Inflation, as we all know, is a culprit, too.

The difference between the Lions' share of AEB's operating budget and what we as Lions actually raise has to be made up in some fashion. AEB has always received a great deal of voluntary support from the general public. Yet, adding the Lions' share, the general public's support, and gifts received from the annual Sustaining Membership letter, and AEB still falls short of the money needed to balance the budget between actual operating costs and our total revenue.

Arkansas Lions, generally speaking, haven't been approached individually since the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. This year's Sustaining Membership letter will include the Lions. We're asking for a personal contribution, over and above your activity with your club.

Don't automatically throw your letter and its accompanying envelope away, but give some thought to how much you can personally assist the program.

After all, it's only once a year . . .

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total now three

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On The Cover

TRICK OR TREAT? — AEB's Lions statue wasn't being decked out as King Tut for Halloween. Instead students from McClellan High School in Little Rock made a plaster copy of our Lion for their homecoming activities. The plaster cast, cut away and resassembled at the school, assisted the McClellan Lions with homecoming.

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Plans Underway For Arkansas Lions' Mid-Winter Conference

While Arkansas Lions are enjoying a pleasant autumn they should be making plans for a winter activity — the Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for Hot Springs Village, January 27 and 28.

According to a later October report by Milt Brummer, conference chairman, only 20-plus reservations have been received. Lion Brummer expressed hope, "Arkansas Lions would register early to assist the Village Lions with the planning."

Early bird registration is not only cheaper, but has the possibility of additional rewards. Someone from each district who registers early will win $25. Deadline for the early bird registration is January 1.

Cost for registering prior to January 1 is $10 per person — Lion, Lioness or Leo. Between the 1st and 24th, registration costs $11 per person.

Activities for this year's conference will generally follow last year's in Jacksonville. District governor elections for the 1979-80 year will be held during the individual sub-district meetings.

Other activities concerning Arkansas Lions will be the state business meeting, sight conservation meetings and a banquet. Lioness activities and Leo meetings are also scheduled.

Banquet speaker and Lions International guest for the conference will be Lions International Director Bob Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif. A dance follows the banquet.

Director Anderson was elected to the International Board in New Orleans in 1977. He was a 100 per cent District Governor and has 16 years perfect attendance.

Housing for this conference will be unique. The meetings are being held at Hot Springs Village, a sprawling retirement development north of Hot Springs on Highway 7. With no motel nor hotels available, housing will be in townhouses and single family dwellings managed by Village Villa, Inc.

Accommodations are in two and three bedroom homes appropriately furnished and equipped for two, four and six persons. Housing rates are $25 for two and $5 each for each additional adult per day. Children under 12 are $2.

Reservations, enclosed with one-day's rental, should be forwarded to Village Villas, Inc., Box 149, Hot Springs Village, AR 71901, for priority attention.

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Van Carpenter

AEB Trainee Likes Lions' Work, Promotes Club For Home Town

Van Carpenter would like "to see a Lions Club organized in my hometown — Hamburg." Not because the city's other civic clubs aren't doing good work, it's that he has had a personal experience with blindness and knows first hand the work Lions are doing with the sightless.

Carpenter began losing his sight approximately 10 years ago. It forced him to give up the business his grandfather founded — Carpenter's Clothing Store — in 1905. Now his son, the fourth generation, operates the store.

Loss of sight came gradually, and as it does in 80 per cent of blindness, it came during adulthood. Carpenter's vision reached a point early this year where rehabilitation training — adjustment to living as a blind person — became necessary. Through Don Crews of El Dorado, a rehabilitation counselor for the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Carpenter first heard about the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

He entered personal adjustment training in March, 1978.

Carpenter describes AEB as "one of the most interesting places to be." He's made friends from Oklahoma, Indiana, Michigan, South Carolina and several foreign countries. "We're all individuals bound by one handicap — blindness," he says, "but throu adjustment training we learn i.. dependent living skills that give us another chance.

"Adjusting to living without sight isn't an easy thing," Carpenter points out, "especially when you are my age." At AEB, age has nothing to do with the training. "There are several persons at the center older than me," he adds.

Carpenter is currently completing Grade II braille. During his training at AEB he has become proficient to meet his needs for independent living in the nine major skill areas taught at AEB. Unless he is accepted for a vocational course, he will soon be leaving the rehabilitation center.

Carpenter recently visited Hamburg with DG Doug Wilkinson and State Secretary Norman Lambert in an attempt to develop interest in a Lions Club for the community. As a former city council member and a past president of the Rotary Club, he believes there are men who aren't in any civic involvement that could interested in the Lions.

"I know they would be if they could see the work being done at AEB."

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Former trainee Carol Cooper of Arlington, Va. (College Prep '66 and '67), was one of ten federal employees recognized as Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employees of 1978. The award was made October 5 by the U.S. Civil Service Commission Chairman Alan K. Campbell.

Miss Cooper is a clerk, dictating machine transcriber, in the Patent and Trademark Office. During a recent rating period she typed 7,094 pages in 946 hours, a rate of 7.4 pages per hour. Later she learned the 30-button telephone panel and answers the telephone at the patent office. Carol has also mastered the Mag I and Mag II typewriters.

Prior to joining the Patent and Trademark Office, Carol was a trainee at AEB and a student at Sweet Briar College where she majored in Modern Languages — French, Spanish and Italian.

Her outstanding job performance has earned her recognition outside of government. She has demonstrated IBM equipment at conferences, assisted with the evaluation of a braille verifier developed for the National Academy of Science by West Virginia University, and she represents the Volunteer Braille Services of Washington, D.C., at various meetings.

Carol, a professional organist, is a music lover. Hobbies are knitting, swimming, studying foreign languages, and travel. She is a member of Club Americana, a travel club, and has visited Mexico, Italy, France and the Soviet Union.

Ken MacLaughlin of Concord, N.H. (IRS '75), writes that he is now a recording tape technician at the Regional Talking Book Library in Concord.

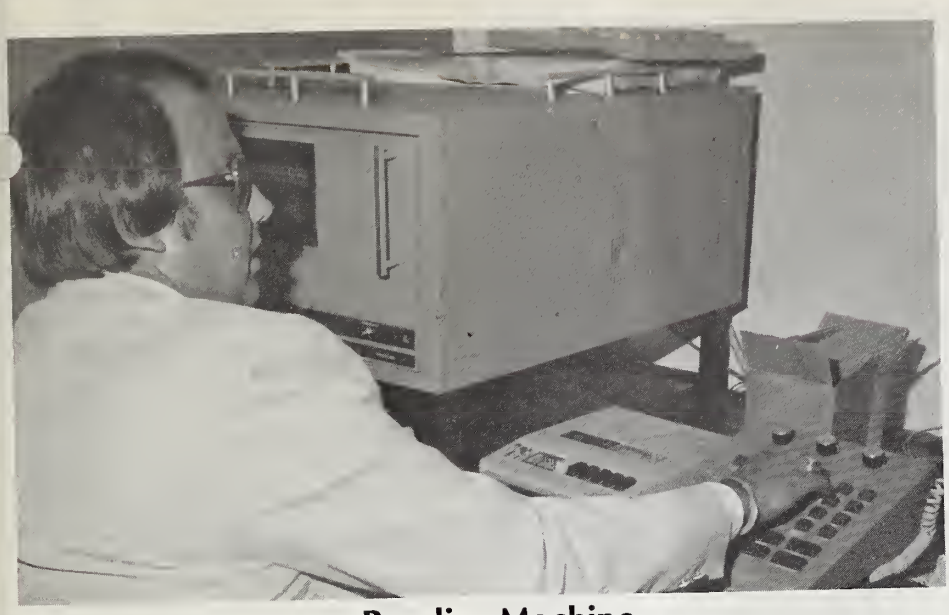
Welcome back Nick Dodson of Tallahassee, Fla. (Professional '74). Nick wants everyone to know he got a haircut, shave and has rejoined the human race. Now that he's back he plans earning a living through skills he learned from Murray Loring at AEB. He plans opening a shop making furniture and other items in Pensacola, Fla. He sends special thanks to AEB staffer Loring and a general hello to everyone.

Eye Research Plan

A five-year plan drafted as a guide for eye research on blinding and disabling eye disesases has been released by the National Advisory Eye Council (NAEC), the senior advisory body of the National Institute of Health's (NIH) National Eye Institute (NEI).

The research priorities identified in a three-volume report — **Vision Research - A National Plan: 1978-82** — reflects the Council's desire that NEI's program be concentrated in areas of greatest research need and opportunity. Plans call for intensified fundamental and clinical research against diabetic retinopathy, cataract, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa and other congenital and developmental disorders, macular disease, amblyopia, retinal detachment, herpes virus infections of the cornea and uveitis.

The five-year plan was prepared by 160 leading authorities in various fields of vision science.



Reading Machine

KURZWEIL MACHINE — Buddy Spivey, a former AEB trainee, was one of 30 blind individuals who participated in AEB's research program on the Kurzweil Reading Machine. The research was sponsored by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. Spivey, a blinded veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of AEB's Service Advisory Council, was the speaker at a recent North Little Rock Lions Club meeting.

Year's Research Completed

In September, 1977, AEB made statewide headlines with the introduction of the Kurzweil Reading Machine, the first machine to be located in the South. A year and one month later the machine is still performing its function — reading print for the blind.

The machine was placed at the rehabilitation center by Dr. Larry Scadden, director of the San Francisco Rehabilitation Engineering Center, to be evaluated for its best use for the blind. The evaluation work was for the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Marion Madison, AEB's speech therapist, has just completed a year's research and reports "the Kurzweil machine has lived up to our full expectations." She sees it as a real asset to the blind, especially "when the cost and size of the machine are more manageable to the general blind public."

Miss Madison evaluated 30 blind individuals from three groups — professional workers, students and vocational trainees, and the multihandicapped. Each was evaluated for 30 hours.

"We scheduled 1,175 hours of work," reports Miss Madison, "and the machine was down, or not working, for only 35 hours." This is less than three per cent down time for the $50,000-prototype reading machine.

In addition to its use at AEB, the Kurzweil Reading Machine was demonstrated at the 1978 Mid-Winter Conference in Jacksonville and the Jackson, Tenn., Lions Spring Festival in Jackson.

Miss Madison believes the potential of the Kurzweil Reading Machine will increase as the company continues making improvements. Already the cost has dropped almost $30,000.

Commemorative Stamp Honors Seeing Eye

A commemorative stamp will honor The Seeing Eye, the nation's oldest school training dog-guides for the blind. The stamp will be issued in 1979, according to the U.S. Postal Service.

It will mark the school's 50th year. The Seeing Eye, Inc., is located in Morristown, New Jersey.

Several years ago The Seeing Eye Foundation contributed an Optacon to AEB for use in its rehabilitation training. This equipment is currently being used each day by numerous trainees.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

When Lion Joe Spivey needed a program for his North Little Rock Lions Club, he kept it in the family. He called on son Buddy, a blind veteran of the Vietnam War. Buddy is a former AEB trainee, a member of AEB's Service Advisory Council and recently was evaluated on the Kurzweil Reading Machine. He is currently a representative with the Blinded Veterans Association.

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Another North Little Rock Lion, Joe K. Poch, made headlines in the **Arkansas Gazette**. Lion Joe, who has invited more men into Lionism than any other Lion, is president of the Apela Club, a club that recently broke a 40-year string of not doing anything by attending the dedication ceremonies of the Little Rock Metrocentre Mall. Congratulations, Lion Joe, on superb leadership. However, one club member noted it might be 20 years before the club does anything else. Looks like Lion Joe has his work cut out.

PLANK WALKING — Not the pirate variety, but District Governor Harold Plank becoming familiar with mobility techniques taught by AEB mobility instructor Don Clemons.

GRADE FOUR BRAILLE — Charles Forshaw [left] of Quaker Hill, Conn., demonstrates for Lillian Kliewer [center] and Lavonne Little the relief artwork he prepared and gave to AEB. Charles, a New England native, wants other blind individuals to better understand the world around them through similar artwork.

Charles Forshaw Uses Handicraft So Others Can Know Their World

Charles Forshaw left a small part of himself at AEB when he left after completing training last month. That small part was a tactile artwork entitled, "Down To Earth — Braille 4."

The Quaker Hill, Connecticut, resident wants other blind people, and those who follow him at AEB, to feel the hills, rough shoreline and bays of his native New England. He made his artwork as near as possible like an inlet that might be found in Maine. The work was done while he was scheduled into AEB's work evaluation area.

Forshaw enjoys working with his hands, a practice he says he "learned from my father. He mainly taught me carpentry."

The pattern for the artwork he left at AEB was "something I learned in the Cub Scouts." It involves covering chicken wire with layers of paper. Everything is built inside a wooden box with one side and the top cutaway for easy access.

Describing how he duplicated the seaside scene he listed, "sawdust, crunched pottery, sand, plaster of paris, pine needles and paint." The effect is good and blind trainees at AEB will now get a good feel of how rough and rugged the Northeastern seacoast can be.

Congenitally blind, Forshaw has some residual vision which allows him to do handiwork of this nature. Using his carpentry skills he constructed a log cabin, one-twelfth scale, with one end open so the blind can feel the furniture he made for the cabin. He got this idea, and the artwork for AEB, from a library near his home which has a tactile room for the blind.

Not everything he does is for fun or to give to others. A novelty pin cushion fashioned as a highback chair and made from beer cans earned Forshaw an estimated $2,000 while in high school. He sold them, more than 1,500 of them, for $3 each at flea markets and craft shows. "Cost was minimum," he recalled, "a pin cushion, some paint and an empty beer can supplied by a local tavern."

Forshaw came to AEB last summer for College Prep. He stayed for additional training and now plans entering Eastern Connecticut State College with a career goal of rehabilitation work.

"AEB has been a real benefit to me," he claimed. His artwork will now be a benefit to other AEB trainees. Seems like a good exchange.

Adjustment Board Will Determine Building's Use

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind goes before the Little Rock Board of Adjustment on November 20 facing a situation that could be extremely harmful to its vocational programs and could have serious consequence towards developing new ones.

The rehabilitation center has requested a variance to use a building it owns as a classroom for its vocational programs. The building in question is 2823 South Tyler.

A decision against AEB would mean classrooms for at least three vocational courses, and the training aids and equipment, would have to be moved to a different location. The building, adjacent to the main campus, is a former residence that's been used by AEB as a classroom for approximately 11 years.

AEB operates the building only as a classroom, and has done so since opening the Taxpayer Service Representative program in 1967. The Arkansas Lions State Secretary's office was located in the building for several years, but was moved when requested by the city. The office wasn't compatible with zoning ordinances which allow schools or churches in single-family areas. AEB's usage as a classroom meets these requirements.

There are approximately 13 blind individuals using the building as a vocational classroom.

AEB, as requested by the city's comprehensive planning section, is preparing a long-range planning program detailing its anticipated growth and needs for at least 20 years. The planners are asking for an estimation, which is perhaps all that can be accomplished due to the rapidly changing rehabilitation situations.

AEB Hosting PWI Seminar

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is hosting a Projects With Industry workshop aimed at making more workers in the job placement field for the blind aware of the new technology available in the field. It will be held December 12 through 15 in AEB's auditorium.

Entitled, "Job Modification and Use of Technology in the Placement of the Blind," the workshop is being sponsored by AEB with support from the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Roy Kumpe, president of the International Services for the Blind, an AEB affiliate, will preside over the workshop.

George Magers, assistant director, federal Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, will open the evaluation section. He will also observe the workshop and serve as a consultant for the activity. Numerous others from various state, federal and private enterprise agencies will take part on the program.

AEB's Howard Hanson, executive director, and Patti Kent, job placement specialist, will have roles on the agenda.

It's expected 25 or more persons will attend the meeting. They will represent a wide range of programs throughout the United States. It's hoped the sharing of information and the demonstration of new electronic aids will open more job opportunities for the blind.

Several manufacturers of equipment will have exhibits during the conference.

Report On Glaucoma

One of every 50 Americans over age 45 has glaucoma, according to data released by the American Association of Ophthalmology.

Glaucoma is a build up of pressure of fluid within the eyeball and causes blindness, the Association said. Just as an automobile tire has a normal pressure range, so does the eye. The Association said abnormal pressure for any period of time could damage the optic nerve and result in blindness.

SIGNING IN — Two Roy Kumpe Fellows were granted in October to professional workers in the field of rehabilitation for the blind. They were [center] Anne Crumpton of Knoxville, Tenn., Tennessee Services for the Blind; and [right] Charles Charrier of Alexander, La., Louisiana Blind Services Program. Looking on is Jim Cordell [left], AEB's assistant exeuctive director.

Campus Security Tightened

It's going to be more difficult for persons to enter AEB's campus after the close of regular business hours. New security measures have been added to control the unauthorized visits by individuals not having a need to be on campus.

Heart of the new system is the addition of sighted security guards to augment AEB's regular switchboard operators — who are blind — between 4:30, the close of business, and 9 p.m., when the regular security guard arrives. On Saturday and Sunday this additional coverage will extend from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

The new guards will be located at the only door where a visitor will be admitted, the door at 2812 South Tyler.

Function of the guards will be to screen visitors to AEB. Those having official business — staff members, board members, Lions here for a meeting and volunteers — will be allowed to conduct their business. Other visitors, those wanting to contact trainees, will be requested to remain in the reception lobby until they are identified by the trainee.

Casual visitors will not be allowed in the dormitory area, but will be restricted to the lobby, solarium or snack bar area.

All entrances to AEB are now closed. An intercom system has been installed outside the entrance at 2812 South Tyler so anyone seeking admission will be required to state his reason for entering the complex.

Needs for tighter security have developed because of several incidents when outside persons have entered the campus and stolen personal belongings from trainees and staff members.

"We'll need the cooperation of the Arkansas Lions, volunteers and staff to make this new system work properly," says AEB Executive Director Howard Hanson. "If you have business on campus after regular working hours, use 2812 South Tyler entrance and assist the security guard in any way possible."

This won't alter AEB's practice of inviting Lions to hold meetings at the rehabilitation center, it was emphasized, nor will it curtail Lions Clubs visiting after hours for programs and tours.

Within the last two years AEB has erected iron gates along the west side of the campus and started a policy of locking most doors that aren't normally attended during business hours. This latest measure is the final act of completely locking the campus to outsiders.

"While there has been some thievery, it has mostly been petty items," Hanson reports, "but we're taking all precautions to insure a major crime doesn't occur."

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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A Gift That Gives Again

Lots of thought goes into purchasing a Christmas gift for someone special. Not just anything will do, it has to be very special — perhaps something that will be remembered for a long, long time. A gift, like a memorial contribution, that keeps on giving.

A referral to AEB falls under these guidelines. Giving a "new life" is certainly giving a gift that "keeps on giving." How does one go about giving a gift of such nature? Below is AEB's official statement on referrals to the rehabilitation center:

A. "The majority of referrals to AEB are made by state rehabilitation counselors working with their clients. These referrals are made if the counselor feels there is a possibility the client would benefit from training available at the rehabilitation center. AEB evaluates the trainee to determine the exact type of training needed and estimates the time required for this training. The state agency involved generally pays the training cost.

"Cost per personal adjustment trainee at AEB is $1,570 for one month. AEB bills the sponsoring state rehabilitation agency $1,245. The difference, $325 for room and board, is provided by AEB through its support from Lions Clubs and other sources.

B. "Other referrals are accepted by AEB. Either Lions, relatives, doctors, nurses, interested friends, employers or other interested groups can refer an individual to AEB. In such cases, AEB's field representative or other staff member will visit the blind person in his home. AEB will coordinate with the state agency counselor in the area to determine if the person is eligible for state assistance in attending AEB. Other sources of funds are available if state aid is unattainable. These include scholarships from International Services for the Blind, local Lions Clubs, the trainee's personal funds, or a combination of several methods. The cost is the same as described in A.

"No one has ever been denied service at AEB because of lack of funds. Ways and means have always been found to meet the needs of the blind or visually impaired."

Any Lion or Lions Club, should contact AEB when they learn of a blind person in their community. AEB knows the rehabilitation counselors to contact. Working through AEB and the state agency serving the blind, Lions everywhere can be a stronger force in the giving of "a gift that gives again."

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AEB Analyzing TVA's Job Potential

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has discovered an employer with the potential of thousands of well-paying jobs for the blind.

The federal government?

Close. In fact; very, very close.

The Tennessee Valley Authority.

Patti Kent, AEB's job placement specialist, has traveled twice to Knoxville, Tenn., home office of the TVA and its numerous related subsidiaries. With each visit Ms. Kent has identified jobs she feels the blind can fill.

"TVA has 39,932 workers and perhaps as many as 20,000 job classifications," she reported. Her evaluations discovered more than 3,000 handicapped employees on TVA's payroll, but not one is blind. Hiring the blind, she was told, is the last handicap employment program for TVA.

Ms. Kent is assisting the giant, independent government conglomerate that now does more than simply generate hydroelectric energy and control floods on the Tennessee River, construct a suitable hiring plan for the blind. Her work is a part of AEB's Project With Industry grant.

Under this program, AEB is funded to analyze programs of industry and identify jobs that can be done by the blind and visually impaired. These are jobs that might be discharged through existing skills, or could require additional training, job modification or re-engineering of the job.

TVA, an independent government agency, was created in 1933. It now covers seven states and includes forestry, agriculture, flood control, wildlife management, steam and nuclear generation of energy, various research projects and water transportation.

Among the almost 40,000 jobs in the agency, those identified as possible ones the blind can perform include transcriber, computer operators, tool room attendants, training officers, reprographics, word processing, citizen action office, switchboard/receptionist, personnel and numerous others. "There are almost too many potential jobs to count," she added.

While TVA has invited AEB to analyze their job potential for blind persons, there remains a selling job that must be done. "One segment of my consultation with TVA was convincing supervisors, managers and personnel officers of the skills and abilities of the blind. In most cases, they weren't aware of sensory aids or technical advancements that allow many jobs to be done by the blind."

She also gave assistance to the agency's vast clerical pool in developing a valid typing test for blind applicants.

During her second week in Knoxville, Ms. Kent visited numerous sections of TVA, including the Kingston Steam Generating Plant and the Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife Management group at Norris, Tenn.

TVA indicated their hiring of blind persons would start slow, "maybe three or four at first. Their goal," she pointed out, "is building a program that will guarantee TVA good career employees and give the blind full employment opportunities."

While analyzing TVA's potential jobs for the blind, the AEB staff member was informing their staff of AEB's abilities to deliver personal adjustment, prevocational and vocational training for the blind. While AEB may not have a hand in training any future TVA employees, "they (TVA) know where assistance is available, and what type it is," she concluded.

JOB PLACEMENT SPECIALIST — Patti Kent spends much of her time visiting employees, both local and national, seeking job opportunities for the blind. Her work, part of AEB's Project With Industry grant, is opening new jobs that might have remained closed without her contacting the potential employer.

Christmas Party

Once again the Lions Clubs in the central Arkansas area are giving a Christmas Party at AEB, not just for AEB trainees, but for any blind person in the area. It will be held December 20 in the rehabilitation center's auditorium.

A tradition since 1947, the party includes the trainees presenting the play, "A Christmas Carol." Elise Diesel, AEB's recreation coordinator, directs the play.

Other activities include door prizes, fruit baskets and a visit by Santa Claus. Lions and their families are invited to attend.

By-LIONS
. . All Around Arkansas

Hope Noon Lions Club President Harold Freeman has announced the club's contribution to the state projects for this year. The club, home club of 7-L District Governor Royce Pendergrass, will raise $1,960 for AEB, which is $20 per member, and $495 for the Eye and Kidney Bank.

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The Hot Springs Lions Club sponsored a stage production, "The Magical Land of Oz," as a means of raising Sight Conservation funds. The play was put on by a traveling group called the "World of Fantasy Players." The Hot Springs Lions Club is in 7-L.

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Two Arkansas Lions Clubs made presentations of checks to two AEB staff members during visits to their clubs. The Russellville Evening Lions gave Jim Davis, director of Community Relations, a $400 check for that club's share of AEB's operating budget. AEB's executive director, Howard Hanson, spoke to the Pine Bluff Noon Lions and accepted a check of $1,050 for AEB from that club.

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The Conway Evening Lions had a successful White Cane effort. The club's 14 Lions netted slightly more than $1,000. Club president is Bob Fuller.

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The Nashville Lions have just completed their first annual radio auction and did a good job. The club collected $2,300 for their sight conservation work. More than 140 items donated by area merchants were auctioned over KNAS radio station. Project chairman was Charles Hubbard; club president is Joe Goodrum.

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Residents of the Fairfield Bay area have been enjoying pancake breakfasts this year. The Fairfield Bay Lions Club reports making more than $4,500 through this effort. Club president is Dick Meacham.

TWO NEW BUSINESSMEN — The two latest graduates of AEB's Small Business Management training course are Ron Bates of Mena, AR [left], and Robert Hebert of Lake Charles, LA [center]. Duane Balentine, AEB's director of Rehabilitation, listens to their plans after presenting the pair their certificates.

Early Bird Registration Ends Jan. 1

The deadline for saving a dollar on pre-registration for the 1979 Mid-Winter Conference in Hot Springs Village is near. After January 1 the cost per person goes to $11.

Failure to register prior to New Year's Day can be even more costly to someone from each District. Early bird registrations, those prior to the First, are eligible for a $25 drawing for each District.

All incentives encourage early registering, but Arkansas Lions are procrastinating. Milt Brummer, conference chairman, reports registrations are "trickling in very slow."

Pre-registration should be mailed to:
Mid Winter Conference - 1979
Hot Springs Village Lions Club
21 Palacio Circle
Hot Springs Village, AR 71901

Checks should be made to Hot Springs Village Lions Club. Cost is $10 per Lion, Lioness or Leo before January 1; $11 afterwards.

International guest for the conference will be International Director Bob Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif. He will speak at the annual banquet.

Room reservations may be made by forwarding one day's rental — $25 per couple, $5 each additional adult and $2 for children under 12 — to Village Villas, Inc., Box 149, Hot Springs Village, AR 71901.

Door Prizes

If your club plans providing a door prize for the 1979 Mid-Winter Conference at Hot Springs Village, the host club would like for you to get the prize to them soon. Door prizes should be mailed to:

Lion Arnold G. Allen
c/o Coronado Center
Hot Springs Village, AR 71901

Packages mailed to this address should be marked: Hold for Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

AEB's Newsletter, NEW LIFE, Observes 25th Anniversary

In the midst of ending a year, preparing our NAC self-study and generally getting ready for the Christmas season, an anniversary has quietly slipped upon AEB. This issue begins the 25th year of the publication of **New Life**, AEB's newsletter.

Actually, the first edition was simply called **Newsletter**. It was published May, 1954. Through the years the date for changing the Volume has been moved forward until the December-January issue became the first edition of each new year. **New Life** is published ten times a year.

Some noteworthy events were reported in the first issue. M. George Lamar of North Little Rock had been elected AEB's president earlier and the issue reported it. It listed other officers as Harry Leggett, first vice-president; George B. Tyler, second vice-president; Russell Henderson, secretary; and J. C. Robinson, treasurer. Then Lions International 3rd Vice-presidential candidate Edward G. Barry Sr. was the retiring president.

New board members were Carl Brown, Harrison; Max Shilling, El Dorado; Bryan Ritchie, Prescott; William Nash, Little Rock; Paul Snow, Little Rock; Judge C. C. Wine, Texarkana; John Ostner, Little Rock; E. A. Bowen Jr., Little Rock; and Lee Reaves, Warren.

The one-page newsletter carried a story about the Arkansas Braille Club holding a dinner and dance at the Hotel Lafayette in Little Rock. The Little Rock Founders (then Downtown) Lions Club was reported to have made its seventh annual visit to AEB, a practice that continues today.

Another event of significance the newsletter noted was the upcoming dedication of a new crafts, shop and dormitory building named in honor of Edward G. Barry Sr., Brig. Gen. Melvin Maas (USMC-Ret.), then chairman of the President's committee for Physically Handicapped, was to be the main speaker. (This building, a frame structure, was added to the "Old Brack House." It was torn down in 1960.)

Since that first edition, **New Life**, the name it was given in March, 1955, has reflected the events occurring at AEB. Now we're working on the next 25.

AEB's Annual Report Now Being Printed

AEB's annual report for 1977-78 is expected from the printer, Harding Press, within the next few days.

The annual report reflects AEB's activities during the past year. This year's report has two firsts — the first without Roy Kumpe as executive director, and the first for Howard Hanson in that role.

First mailing of the report will be to board members, news media and club presidents. Lions will receive their copy at various state and district meetings, and during visits to the rehabilitation center.

Anyone not included in this mailing who wishes a copy may write to the Director of Community Relations, 2811 Fair Park, Little Rock, AR 72204.

Christmas

by Johnette Bartholomew Weiss

C is for the Christ Child who was born on Christmas Day
H is for Holy Day of His birth and the holiday of fun
R is for the riches of sharing with our families and friends
I is the inspiration that this time of year brings to many people
S is the splendor of the beautifully wrapped presents and the sweet smell of freshly baked cookies and cakes
T is the time for us to sing carols and be happy
M may all of you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas
A and all of your hopes and dreams for the future come true
S so that this holiday Christmas season is so very beautiful and meaningful for you.

ASSISTANCE FROM DIAMONDHEAD — Max English, president of the Diamondhead Lions Club, hands Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director, two checks. One is the club's $20 per member support for AEB, $480, and the other is 50 per cent of their White Cane project, $86.50, for the State Sight Conservation Committee. Fund raising efforts for the District 7-L club that was organized December, 1977, include bingo, doll raffle and White Cane.

Volunteers Meet, Plan New Growth

AEB's "second staff" is starting to grow. Six new volunteers have stepped forward within the past month.

"A good sign" is the way volunteer coordinator Jeannine Gregory describes the trend, and a "very welcomed one." Mrs. Gregory, who is AEB's social skills instructor, has recently been appointed volunteer coordinator. "We made several interesting plans for future activities during our annual fall membership meeting," she reports.

Among the activities the volunteers will be participating in is a newsletter, telephone committee, monthly recognition, social activities with trainees and evaluating feedback from other volunteers.

"I'm excited about the future relationship between our volunteers, the trainees and staff," she adds.

Volunteers provide numerous services for AEB's trainees. They read letters, assist with shopping, aid in selecting clothes, provide transportation, tape books and assist the rehabilitation center as instructor aides. Last year the volunteers gave more than 4,000 hours to AEB.

"We have a goal of 100 volunteers," said Mrs. Gregory, "which means we need interested people to step forward and assist our program." Anyone interested in volunteering should contact AEB.

Mrs. Linda Jordan of Little Rock is president of the volunteer auxiliary.

TSI Electronic Games

Telesensory Systems, Inc., the electronic whizzes from California who have given the blind the Speech Plus talking calculator and the Optacon, has now entered the electronic game field for the blind.

TSI recently introduced The Game Center, a collection of eight games that uses the same synthesized speech as the talking calculator. A miniature computer produces the speech and game cues needed by the players. It also announces the winner.

Some of the games are Tic-Tac-Toe, Skeet-Shoot, Blackjack and others.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS — Planning activities for AEB's volunteers during the annual fall meeting of the volunteer group are [from left] Mrs. Linda Jordan, president of the auxiliary, and Jeannine Gregory, AEB's coordinator of volunteer services.

Roy Kumpe Fellowship Opens New Way Of Service for AEB

"I have always heard AEB was good. Now I know any client accepted (by AEB) will receive excellent service. To me, that is what is important."

Those are the words Anne Crumpton of Knoxville, Tenn., a recent recipient of a Roy Kumpe Fellowship, used describing her experiences at AEB. Ms. Crumpton, a regional supervisor for the Tennessee Services for the Blind, wrote them after completing her week's work at the rehabilitation center.

To date, three individuals, each a professional rehabilitation worker but new to work in the field of blindness, have been awarded Kumpe Fellowships. "More are expected after the first of the year," reports Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director.

(Two rehabilitation workers for the blind from Oklahoma have been awarded Kumpe Fellowships and will spend a week at AEB in January.)

Kumpe Fellowships were established in February, 1978, by AEB's board of directors to honor Roy Kumpe on his retirement as the rehabilitation center's executive director for almost 40 years. Funds for the awarding of Fellowships, given by interested persons in honor of Roy Kumpe's work with the blind, now total more than $3,500.

Through this method, AEB feels it can assist new workers in the field of blindness develop their careers and provide better service for the blind. The goals of the Kumpe Fellowship are to support better educational programs, stronger accreditation standards and solid intern programs through beneficial in-service training.

A Roy Kumpe Fellowship pays for the individual's transportation and related cost to AEB and return home. During their stay at the rehabilitation center, their room and board is paid by the Fellowship Fund.

The first three Kumpe Fellows have indicated their approval of the program. AEB is satisfied with the program to date.

"However," Hanson points out, "we will continue evaluating our efforts, based a great deal on the feedback we get from those receiving a Fellowship, and make changes that will benefit the program."

Hanson added that he believes the Kumpe Fellowships are a "tremendous opportunity whereby AEB can provide a professional service while keeping the state workers for the blind informed of its services."

Support for the Roy Kumpe Fellowship comes from individuals interested in promoting AEB's services in this area. A coupon for donations is on page 8.

Board Of Adjustment Grants AEB Variance

There's no doubt now but that AEB has the City of Little Rock's approval to use an AEB-owned residence at 2823 South Tyler as a vocational classroom. The City's Board of Adjustment made the decision in favor of AEB's request on November 20.

(The building is located on the southwest corner of the block due east of the main campus.)

AEB was put into the situation of asking for a variance for the building's use because the City is revising many of its zoning codes. Even though the rehabilitation center had used the building for a classroom for more than 10 years, the variance request was challenged by a neighboring family.

On several occasions the variance request hearing was postponed. On October 23 a staff recommendation that the variance be denied was made by the City's Comprehensive Planning section. AEB requested a delay until it could prepare a long-range plan, a request made by the City, for possible expansion in the neighborhood. It was granted.

With the assistance of several Lions, AEB prepared the plan as requested by the planning section. Julius Holmes and Henry Thomas, both members of the Little Rock Founders Lions, gave assistance. Thomas' drawing of the projected expansion, plus the current uses of AEB's property, was very impressive and certainly played an important role in the city official's better understanding AEB's situation.

Other efforts on AEB's part to assist the Board of Adjustment were an executive committee meeting with a member of the Comprehensive Planning Section, assistance with on-site visits by planning personnel, adjustment board members and a city director, and an oral history of the rehabilitation center.

The Board of Adjustment followed a staff recommendation that the variance be approved on November 20.

Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director, says AEB greatly appreciates the Board of Adjustment's decision and that AEB will maintain the building's usage within the guidelines established by the city.

NEW VOCATIONAL PROGRAM — AEB's latest vocational course, and another first in the nation, is the Personnel Interviewer Program. Dianne Murtishaw [left], the instructor, and two class members, Raymond Jones of New Iberia, La., and Jorean Bouie of Memphis, Tenn., take part in a class discussion.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Dr. Modena Sullivan of Fort Smith (AEB'77) is speaking up for the rehabilitation center. She was the guest speaker at the Fort Smith League of Women Voters and the Fort Smith Business and Professional Women's Club. On December 19, Dr. Sullivan will be one of three members of a panel taping a "Dialogue" program to be televised December 24 over KFSM-TV, Channel 5 in Fort Smith. Subject of the program will be AEB and the other two guest panelists will be Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director, and State Senator Milt Earnhart of Fort Smith, a member of the Fort Smith Lions Club.

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Bob Hitzke of London, Ark., not England (AEB'77), was a recent visitor to AEB when the MARVA Sheltered Workshop of Russellville, an agency of the Pope County Community Chest, visited AEB. In fact, it was Hitzke, who was referred to AEB for training by the Russellville Evening Lions Club, who recommended the tour of AEB for the group.

The new information-expediter in the Secretary of State's office is former AEB trainee Donna Simmons of Livonia, Mich. (AEB'78). Ms. Simmons was referred to the Secretary of State's, office by AEB. Secretary of State Winston Bryant of Malvern, a visitor to AEB last summer, installed a toll free referral number for his office and believes a blind person, especially after touring AEB, could handle the job. Donna's duties include providing information over the telephone, greeting office visitors, and typing.

NAC Releases '78 Statistics

The National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped has released its annual report for 1977 and '78.

NAC President Louis Rives Jr. of Little Rock, administrator of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired and a former AEB staff member, issued the report. Rives, calling it "a banner year," expressed confidence "NAC is moving closer than ever to its goal — quality services for all blind people."

Other Arkansans, other than Rives, involved in NAC leadership are Howard H. Hanson, AEB's executive director, and Roy Kumpe, president of the International Services for the Blind, both board members. Hanson is a member of the Commission on Accreditation, and Kumpe and J. M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind, are members of the National Committee for Advancement of Standards.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Ms. Margaret Strickland by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton
Mrs. Dewey Lampkin by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leidy, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Price, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGregor, Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Ratcliff, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Silliman
Buck Newsome by Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Kimbrell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall, Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club
Cecil E. Nall by Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Kimbrell
Norman Humphrey by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Walker
Mrs. Tom Fuzzell by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Bernard Kew by Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions Club, Hot Springs Village Evening Lions Club, E. F. Vahrenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, St. Joseph's Mercy Medical Center, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hammitt, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dearing, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plambeck, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wendorf, Mr. and Mrs. David Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Benzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smallman, Frank Egloff, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Isenhower
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Gary and Elizabeth Hankins by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hammitt
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Art Lippert by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
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Arthur O. Kelley by Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Johnston
Frank Haltzman by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Levy
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Mrs. Louvenia Person by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

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Editorial

Potpourri

Some thoughts, comments and information discovered, gathered or made up while cleaning out my file in preparation for another year of editing **New Life:**

CAMPAIGN — The Arkansas campaign for International 3rd vice-president should begin receiving solid support from Arkansas Lions. Dr. Jim Fowler is our candidate, yet because of problems brought on by the Japan convention, our campaign hasn't generated the support, enthusiasm, nor frenzied excitement one would expect of Arkansas Lions. A part of this is probably due to the campaign maneuvering internationally for the best year to run that has left many of our Arkansas Lions unsure of "what's happening?"

But the "times are achanging." We are organized. Plans are made. In June, Lions International will elect a 3rd vice-president for 1979. Immediately afterwards Fowler's campaign, striving for victory in Chicago in '80, should come out of the starting gate with a full head of steam. The Mid-Winter Conference began to remove the rust from our bandwagon. Perhaps we should bring it out during the state convention in Eureka Springs and give it a good workout.

LEADERSHIP — For a brief period in January, AEB's board of directors included the Governor of Arkansas, a U.S. Senator, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, and a member of the House. These individuals were Lion Joe Purcell of Benton, Arkansas' lieutenant governor, but governor for more than a week before the inauguration of Bill Clinton; Senator Dale Bumpers, Speaker of the House John Miller of Melbourne, and Representative Ed Thicksten of Alma. Rather impressive group!

60th ANNIVERSARY — Three Arkansas Lions Clubs will observe their 60th anniversary in 1979. On March 8 the Fort Smith Lions will celebrate 60 years, on March 13 the Hot Springs Lions reach 60, and on August 21 the Jonesboro Lions will complete 60 years of Lionism. Only two other Arkansas clubs were organized prior to these three: the Little Rock Founders in 1916 and Texarkana in 1917.

RACING PASSES — Tom Newton, a member of the North Little Rock Lions Club, has proposed a method of helping the governor decide who should receive free passes to the horse races in Hot Springs. This, according to Gov. David Pryor, was his greatest headache. Now it's Gov. Clinton's turn and the time draws nigh.

Tom Newton's proposal, made in a letter to the Editor, Arkansas **Gazette**, and published on the editorial page, called for everyone wanting free passes to Oaklawn write a check payable to a charitable organization along with their request for a pass. After Clinton awards the passes, based on the contribution, the checks are forwarded on to the organization. Among several worthy causes Tom advocated was Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. This proposal has merit and we strongly recommend the Governor consider it.

Of course, admission to Oaklawn is only $1, but certainly no one seriously wanting a free pass from the governor would give such a small amount. After all, the "name dropping" value of a Governor's pass should be worth $25 or more. At least.

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Governor Joe Purcell of Arkansas receives a Lion statue from AEB president Wes Smelley, and later an AEB friendship pin from AEB executive director Howard Hanson. (See editorial, this page).

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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60th Anniversary

The Hot Springs Lions will be observing their 60th anniversary on March 1 with Lions International Second Vice-president Bill Chandler of Montgomery, Ala., the featured speaker. President Stanley Roach and the club members invite their fellow Lions to attend.

The event begins 6:15 at the Arlington Hotel and costs $5 per person. Club officials request those planning on attending make reservations before February 22. Reservations may be made by calling Angelo Pappas at 623-2551, or mailing reservations to Lion Angelo at 323 Sixth Street, Hot Springs, 71901.

Dots On Dollars?, Just Might Happen

There's a move brewing in this country to get raised dots on currency, a system used in at least two other countries. The Chicago **Sun-Times** reports an Illinois group is promoting the idea in that state.

According to the group, Israel and the Netherlands both mark their bills with raised dots. The U.S. is following a similar idea with the upcoming Susan B. Anthony dollar coin. It has an 11-sided, raised inner border for a different feel from a quarter.

AEB instructs its personal adjustment and Small Business Management trainees to fold their currency certain ways according to the denomination. Even with this method, the blind must depend on someone else to identify their money.

Backers of the proposal feel it would give the blind greater independence, more flexibility and assist the vending stand operator.

Marion Biddle, AEB's instructor for Small Business Management training, agrees with the group's intent, but wonders if raised dots is the answer. "The way currency is folded, wadded and mistreated, my concern is whether or not the dots would stay on the bills."

History of Hot Springs Lions Club Reveals Active Club Serving City

Lion Morris Cash, secretary of the Hot Springs Lions Club, has, with the assistance of six other Lions, prepared a 60-year history of the club. Unfortunately, the records between 1919 and 1942 were destroyed by fire. Lion Cash, using the memories of older club members, letters and records from Lions International, has put together a very interesting booklet. Here is a brief summary of the historical records of 60 years of Lionism in Hot Springs.

Within two years of the founding of Lions International, enough interest had been generated in Hot Springs for an organizational meeting. Thirty-one Hot Springs businessmen, merchants and civic leaders met at the Elks Club on March 13, 1919, with Lions International representative C. M. Cunningham, to charter a Lions Club. Calvin T. Cotham, an attorney, was elected charter president.

Only one charter member - Grover C. Smith - survives.

Original meeting site for the club was the Pullman Hotel. In their 60 years, the Hot Springs Lions have utilized numerous meeting sites. Their longest association has been with the Arlington, a meeting place for them since 1934, except for a brief time during World War II. Other locations have been the Elks Club, Majestic Hotel, the Eastman Hotel and the Southern Club.

Following a fire that destroyed the Arlington on April 5, 1923, the club waited 20 months for the rebuilding. They were the first civic club to meet in the present structure - in 1925. Lions Club President S. P. McKeehan cut the ceremonial ribbon at the grand opening.

All Lions clubs are established to "serve mankind." Perhaps the Hot Springs Lions felt they should explain to Lions International exactly why they were organized. In a 1920 letter to Lions International, it was stated "the time and activities were devoted to civic improvement, health, welfare, gambling and a better city."

J. Ellsworth Combs was the first member of the club elected a district governor. His election was in 1922, the same year the Hot Springs Lions hosted the sixth Lions International convention at the Arlington. Lions became truly international at this convention with Canada being represented for the first time.

After DG Combs, four other club members have served as district governors. Two club members have been international directors - Edward G. Barry and M. C. Lewis Jr. Although he wasn't a club member when elected international president, Barry's first club was the Hot Springs Lions.

A couple of the club's most unusual projects occurred in 1931. One was "Business Confidence," a radio program broadcast over a local station aimed at bolstering confidence in the local economy during the depression. A companion program that same year was an "anti-hoarding" campaign over radio.

The Hot Springs Lions were active in every fund raising and patriotic activity during World War II. It supported the Defense Stamp program, the U.S.O., the "Bomber Fund," and "Feed-a-Child." During the time period the club's programs were radio broadcast by a local station.

The club's modern history, since 1945, is one of continuing activities for

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Magazine Available For Blind Readers

Blind individuals wanting a general interest publication should contact "The Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind." It's available without costs.

Edited monthly by Frances A. Koestler, author of "The Unseen Minority," the magazine offers articles reprinted from newspapers and magazines, book excerpts, short fiction, poetry, humor and publishes a column of news and information for the blind. Two editions are published: Grade II Braille and recorded disc. The magazine is not available in cassette.

Founded in 1907, the magazine is available through an endowment established by the late Mrs. William Ziegler. Any blind individual wishing a subscription should write the editor at 20 West 17th Street, New York City, 10011; or call AC 212-242-0263.

Neither Snow, Sleet nor Cold Halts Lions 1979 Mid-Winter Conference

More Than 430 Arkansas Lions Attend; Elect DG's, Plan Campaign, Enjoy Themselves

While the snow and sleet prevented Lions from North Arkansas from attending the 1979 Mid-Winter Conference, more than 430 Lions from the remainder of the state gathered in Hot Springs Village the last weekend of January for the annual conference.

Robert Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif., elected a director of Lions International in New Orleans in 1977, was the featured speaker.

One bit of business undertaken by the Arkansas Lions was the election of district governors. Those elected were Milt Brummer of Hot Springs Village, L; Gerald Carr of Russellville Evening, I; L. B. Baker of Trumann, O; Carl Chambers of Horseshoe Lake, N; and Owen H. Curry Jr. of Little Rock Pulaski Heights, S.

The new district governors will take office July 1.

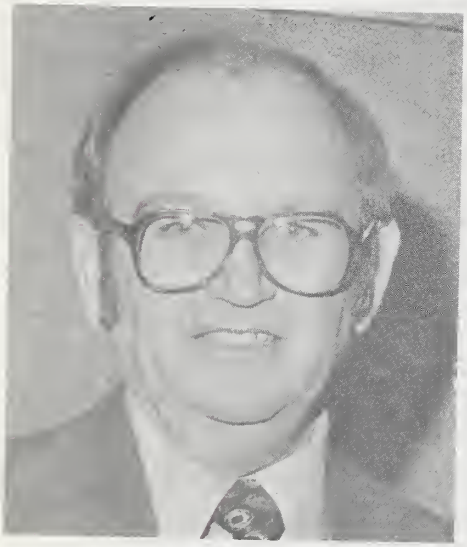
Activities for the two-day session included reports from Lions projects, including AEB and EKB; a club extension seminar and a membership, retention and development seminar; reports on the state convention for '7' and mid-winter '80, and a report o. Arkansas' campaign to elect Dr. Jim Fowler Lions International 3rd Vice-president.

Director Anderson addressed the assembled Lions at a conference banquet where he discussed the 3rd USA Forum scheduled for Minneapolis, Minn., in September, a need for more members and a more determined effort by Lions to serve others.

Before leaving the state, Anderson was given an Arkansas Traveler certificate by Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell of Benton.

A sight conservation committee, which followed the individual subdistrict meetings and the election of district governors, closed the conference.

Milton Brummer
Hot Springs Village — L



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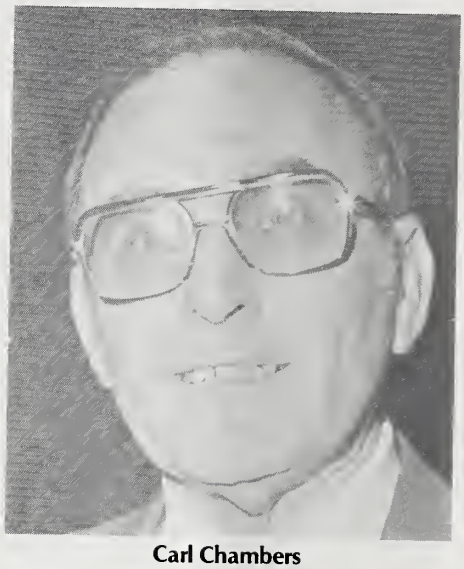

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March 30 is the deadline for a. reservations to Montreal. For information, contact George Tollini at Arkansas Bank and Trust Travel, P.O. Box 5640, Hot Springs National Park, AR 71901, or 1-800-462-9295. Watch next month's New Life for additional details.

IS THIS A campaign worker or does George Tyler have some explaining to do at home?

STEVE STEPHENS makes a couple of points . . . one about membership and the other is his candidate for 3rd VP.

ENTERTAINMENT was by the Village Male Chorus.

SIGHT CONSERVATION chairman Harold Riggs of North Little Rock receives a contribution from George Wise, president of Forrest City Lions.

AN ARKANSAS TRAVELER certificate was presented by Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell, a Benton Lion, to ID Robert Anderson.

Jim Hester Looking For New Career After AEB Training

According to Webster's dictionary there's one way courage is spelled. Through the years the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has witnessed many ways. One of them is J-I-M H-E-S-T-E-R.

Hester is a Hot Springs resident who has overcome numerous adversities, more than just the loss of sight, and is nearing his goal of returning to work. For Jim, working again was a remote dream two years ago. Actually, there wasn't a dream then, only a struggle to survive.

Before January 3, 1977, his dreams had more to do with discovering a vast new oil field for his employer, Texaco. As a geophysicist for the giant energy company, he traveled from his home base in Miami throughout South and Central America and the Caribbean Islands searching for oil. His job was interpreting the seismological data that hopefully would lead to an oil boom.

It all ended, at least that part of it, on the first working day of 1977. Miami was experiencing a phenomenon, its first snow in more than 40 years. Driving in snow and ice wasn't new for Jim, a Pine Bluff native who received his degree in physics from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

"There was an accident, but I cannot remember anything — how it happened, when, where . . . nothing," Jim says. "I lost six months of memory."

Jim Hester

The crash of his sports car left him with more than a six month loss of memory. He suffered severe head damage, broken optic nerves and leg injuries.

For Jim Hester a world of promise became a two year road to rehabilitation that is entering its final stages.

It started in a Miami hospital with nine weeks of intensive care. He came home to Hot Springs and four months in Ouachita Hospital. Later there was a stint in Central Baptist Hospital in Little Rock where he progressed to wheelchair travel. "I wasn't going to settle for anything less than total mobility," he recalls. "Some very wonderful people worked with me and I'm grateful."

Mobility for Jim faced another obstacle — blindness. No matter the physical rehabilitation he received, the broken optic nerves meant Jim Hester would have to adjust to blindness.

The Arkansas Lions have a major role in this part of his rehabilitation. Jim became a client of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the state agency providing services for the blind. His counselor, Benny Bell, recommended the personal adjustment training at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

In November, 1977, he came to AEB in a wheelchair, "but I felt this was where I would learn ways of living with my blindness."

Jim cites the loss of reading and mobility as the greatest problems he has faced as a blind person. Braille has overcome his reading problem. Mobility has been hampered by physical limitations caused by the accident, but "it's coming along now."

Walking again, without any aid, except the use of the white cane — a mobility tool for the blind, has always been his aim. Using all the facilities of AEB, and the many rehabilitation disciplines available through the rehabilitation center, he now walks with the aid of a walking cane. "Each morning I walk my hall without any assistance. The time is coming when I'll be walking everywhere without an aid."

There's another time coming for Jim that is equally as important. In February he enters AEB's computer programmer training course. "I hope after finishing this course I can go back working for Texaco. That's my dream, my goal."

His chances of succeeding are much greater because of the Lions Clubs sight conservation programs and work with the blind. Their support has made possible AEB's vocational training, like the computer programmer course.

Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director, feels the service provided Jim is indicative of the rehabilitation center's work with all trainees. "We work one on one, giving the attenti the individual needs until they ha adjusted to being blind. After that we can get on with building a new life."

Jim Hester is very optimistic about his future. He's convinced he can do a job if given the right training and a reasonable opportunity. AEB is providing the training.

Group Forms Blind Athlete Association

A new organization for the blind has been formed in Arkansas, but this one's primary goal is developing the blind athlete through competition. Its immediate goal is sending a team to the U.S. Association for Blind Athletes national tournament in Seattle in March.

Organized as the Arkansas Association for Blind Athletes, the group is attempting a $3,000 fund raising effort before the March 17-24 Seattle trip. Last year, eight blind Arkansas athletes won seven gold, eight silver and one bronze medals. Four members of the state's contingency were selected for the U.S. team which competed against Canada.

Leading the new group is Leonard Ogburn, assistant superintendent the Arkansas School for the Blind and a college wrestler at Auburn University. Ogburn hopes the emphasis on sports will encourage blind persons "to remain physically fit after leaving school." He said sports for the blind include track and field events, swimming, wrestling, goal ball and gymnastics.

Anyone wishing to join the Association, or contribute to its support, should contact Ogburn at the School for the Blind.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Breland Collier (AEB '58 and TSR '69) of Jackson, Mississippi, recently spoke to the trainees at the Addie McBryde Center in Jackson. A Taxpayer Service Representative for the Internal Revenue Service since 1970, Collier was the first TSR in Mississippi. He was the National IRS Handicapped Employee of the Year in 1975.

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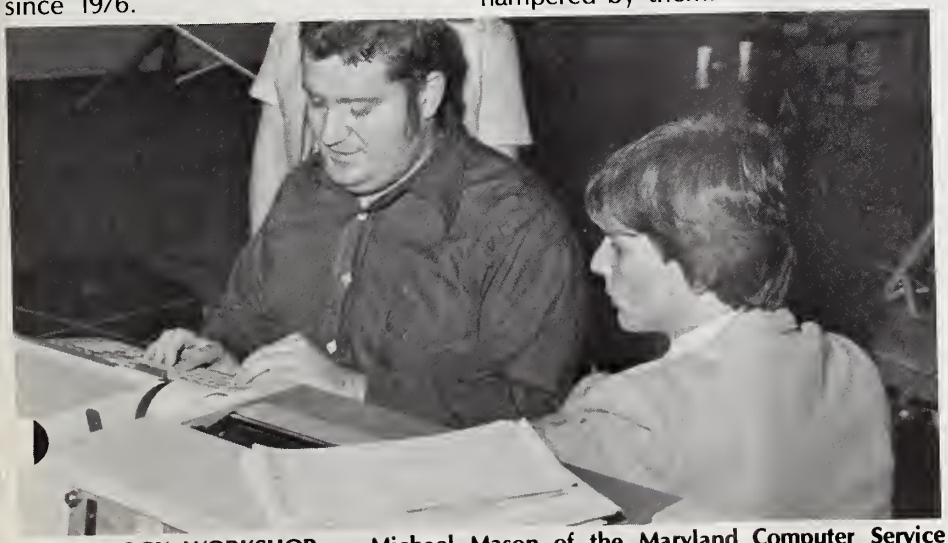
Another AEB trainee who is successful in his business is Bill O'Kain (AEB '55) of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Following training at AEB, O'Kain opened an independent insurance agency in Oak Ridge. The former AEB trainee has helped organize insurance associations on the local and state level. He is active in the Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Club, the Century Lions Club and his church. O'Kain was the 1977 "Insuror of the Year" in Tennessee.

David Thomas (AEB '65) of Columbia, Missouri, was the subject of a Kansas City STAR feature story recently. David, now vice-president of Midcontinent Farmers Association, was a participant in a Future Farmers of America Alumni Association meeting. Following rehabilitation training at AEB, David attended the University of Missouri where he served as student body president in 1968-69. He has been with his current employer since 1976.

Another former AEB trainee who has been featured in the newspaper recently is Zelma Carter (Deaf-Blind '76) of Lake City, Arkansas. With the assistance of her daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Carter is breaking down barriers for the deaf and blind in Craighead County. The two are conducting sign language and orientation programs throughout the county in hopes of removing barriers before others are hampered by them.



TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP — Michael Mason of the Maryland Computer Service demonstrates the "talking telephone directory" for Dennis Owens of Dickson, Tenn., an AEB trainee. The exhibit was part of AEB's technology seminar held in December. More than 70 persons attended the workshop that featured eight exhibits of electronic aids for the blind. AEB is currently using a "talking telephone directory" in its training.

Ol' Man Winter Weather Hampers But Doesn't Stop SAC Meeting

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's 30th Service Advisory Council ran afoul of bad winter weather - not in Little Rock but in the midwest. Snow closed several airports thus preventing several participants flying to Arkansas.

Despite the curtailed attendance, the SAC went on as scheduled with an outstanding representation of state agency directors, rehabilitation counselors and former AEB trainees representing the consumers. The two-day meeting provided AEB with answers on several vital questions, and gave the Council an opportunity of having input into the rehabilitation center's programs.

One question answered concerned additional vocational training and developing pre-vocational evaluation. The Council urged AEB to continue opening vocational programs while encouraging the rehabilitation center to pioneer pre-vocational evaluation.

In the evaluation area, the Council emphasized more effort is needed towards determining the individual's true potential. Concern was also expressed about a need of determining an individuals chances for upward mobility.

Fear echoed by several Council members was that "blind people are being locked into jobs because no provisions have been made for the person to advance in his job or move into a related field." Another call was for a "job-seeking skills program."

Vocational training wasn't the only area covered by the nine-member group. Other discussions touched on training fees, AEB's month-long evaluation, new areas of research, the use of electronic aids and their instruction.

The meeting included staff members giving reports on new programs, revision or changes in older programs, services available, and employment potential being developed. This was followed the second day by members replying to the staff's report and introducing new ideas for AEB's consideration.

Members of the 1979 Council were Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, administrator, Louisiana Blind Services Program; Wayne Sanders of Marietta, Ga., Georgia Services for the Blind; Harold Payne of Lansing, Michigan, director, Michigan Commission for the Blind; Louis Rives of Little Rock, administrator, Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dr. Russell Myers of Woodbury, Tennessee, former AEB trainee; Gerold J. Olerud of St. Paul, Minnesota, assistant administrator, Minnesota Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; Clark Baker of Nashville, Tennessee Services for the Blind; Buddy Spivey of Little Rock, representative, Blinded Veterans Association and former AEB trainee; Mrs. I. S. McClinton of Little Rock, consumer representative; and Roy Kumpe of Little Rock, president, International Services for the Blind.

Vernon Broussard served the Council as chairman and was reelected to the post for another year.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Martin Hoff by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Ms. Nora Kerns by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
Ms. Ada Strock by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
Rev. Pharis Holifield by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
Mrs. Ida Womack Alford by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Higgs
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Mrs. Kara Palmer by White Hall Lions Club
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Lynn Holsinger by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
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Charles F. Smith by Cherokee Village Lions Club, Mrs. Bernice W. Smith
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Mrs. Urban Hopmann by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knauts
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Mrs. Rightsell by Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Tucker
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Mrs. Stephanie Hatch by Horseshoe Lake Lioness Club

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Cherokee Village Lions Club by Mr. and M John B. McBride

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their community and very strong support for AEB. The club's fund raising activities and their civic involvement are varied. They have sponsored football games, donated hospital equipment, sponsored beauty pageants, organized other Lions clubs, recognized outstanding achievers in their community, and hundreds of worthwhile projects.

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Editorial

Academy Awards — AEB Style

Out in Hollywood — that's California, not the Clark County community — they're getting ready for a bash held every year. It's the night the actors and actresses give out little statues called "Oscar" to their fellow artist whom they feel earned such a tribute through excellence in their work.

It's really a big production with television, screaming fans, emotional speeches and sometimes an editorial statement about one's favorite cause or political leaning. Fact being, most everyone grabs the limelight and hogs (excuse me Razorback fans) the affair until they've had their say. Same's true for AEB in this column. If you're still with us, read on.

No way can AEB match the glamour and prestige of Hollywood's "Big Night." We have as much trouble making the 6 o'clock news as Dolly Parton does buttoning up. However, AEB has some awards it needs to make. Selection is less formal than those for an "Oscar," but the reasons behind the selections are much more serious.

In Arkansas, 15 businesses, industries or governmental agencies, including the county, state and federal level, have employed AEB trained blind individuals. Another employer is in Louisiana. AEB believes such deserves an "Oscar" for the "best supporting role by an employer hiring the blind." Our winners are:

Blue Cross-Blue Shield
Arkansas Employment Security Division
Office of the Governor
IBM
Baptist Medical Center
A-1 Ambulance
Southwestern Bell [Arkansas]
Family Medical Center
County Judge, Pulaski County
North Hills Services for the Handicapped
Crisis Intervention Center
South Central Bell [Louisiana]
Arkansas' Attorney General
Pine Bluff Arsenal
Arkansas' Secretary of State
Legal Aide

Quite an impressive list of major employers who have hired a blind trainee from AEB. Each deserves a "pat on the back" for their cooperation with AEB's job placement specialist. It's unfortunate AEB doesn't have an Oscar to give — our gratitude and appreciation will have to do for now.

Sustaining Membership

Remember that nighttime radio program you listened to while trying to make it home. That was before Holiday Inn became so numerous you didn't have to drive all night. The announcer would come on the air and plead, "Send your money to Don and Earl, care of this station, Del Rio (REEE-o), Texas." Wonder how much money ol' Don and Earl received?

AEB would never attempt such a blatant nor unethical method; nor show such disregard for its loyal supporters. We offer a sustaining membership each November for those wishing to support the rehabilitation center and its work. Our latest mailing was in 1978, and has resulted in our greatest support ever. More than 600 responses have been made and $12,500 contributed to AEB. A wonderful, and very much needed, show of support.

"And all you good folks in radioland, keep those cards and letters coming . . ."

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No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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Arkansas Lions Set For State Convention In Eureka Springs

Arkansas Lions are going "way up North" for their 1979 State Convention, but fortunately Eureka Springs' weather in April is much nicer than the winter the state just experienced. Dates for the 61st Assembly are April 27-29.

Host club, the Eureka Springs Lions, is expecting one of Arkansas' largest in several years. If room reservations are any indication, it will be the largest. Inn of the Ozarks, the headquarter hotel, has been booked full for several months and the city's other motels are filling fast.

International guest for the convention is International Director William P. Leibensperger of Columbus, Ohio. He was elected ID at the 1977 convention in New Orleans. He was a 100 percent District Governor and has recorded 17 years perfect attendance.

Other activities for the three-day session are reports by AEB Rehabilitation Center, Eye and Kidney Bank, Advertise Arkansas Committee and the Arkansas Campaign for 3rd Vice-president. There will be seminars for club officers, Leo and Lioness meetings, and a state business session. Each sub-district will gather on the 29th for their business activities.

Saturday's luncheon will be the annual AEB membership meeting. The luncheon will feature the election of eight board members, one from each district and three at large. AEB will recognize the services of eight board members who completed their terms last July 1.

DG-ELECT VISITS — One suggested activity for newly-elected District Governors is a day's visit to AEB. Owen Curry Jr. of Little Rock, DG-elect for 7-S, was the first to schedule a trip to the rehabilitation center. Lion Curry spent the day observing trainee activities and being briefed by supervisors and instructors in the areas. One area was vocational evaluation where he met Kevin Pope of North Stonington, Conn. He got another indoctrination when he attended AEB's board meeting the following day. The DG-elect visits are arranged by the Service and Training Committee. Walker Tucker of Little Rock is chairman.

Flight To Montreal

After some problems brought on by the airline industry's deregulation and the largest preregistration in Lions International convention history, Arkansas Lions now have a confirmed, 153-passenger Delta flight to Montreal. George Tollini of Hot Springs Village is taking reservations.

Cost is $235 per seat and includes transfers and baggage. The plane leaves Little Rock on June 16 and returns June 23. A $50 deposit is needed for a reservation. Final payment is due May 1.

Rooms in Arkansas' headquarter hotel, the Holiday Inn-Downtown, are booked. Tollini is working to secure additional rooms. He suggests anyone interested in the flight and who needs rooms, contact him at 1-800-272-2083, ext. 342. He will maintain a waiting list after the plane and hotel are booked should there be any cancellation.

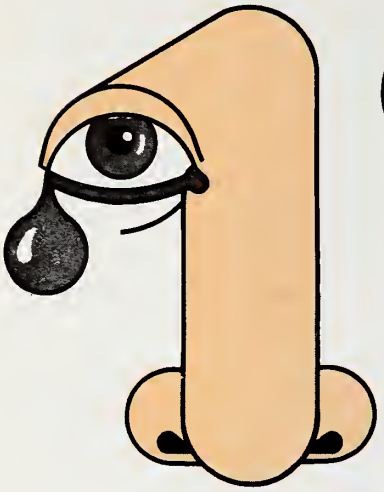
Village Lions 'Do It' Again

The Hot Springs Village Lions have again demonstrated their solid support of the blind by establishing a $1,500 Scholarship and Individual Assistance Service Fund at AEB. The fund will be used by AEB trainees, graduates of the Arkansas School for the Blind or clients of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

President Ed Vennon and 3rd Vice-president Robert Pinkerton met with representatives of the three organizations in February to work out details of the fund. Howard Hanson, executive director of AEB, and Jim Cordell, its assistant executive director, represented the rehabilitation center.

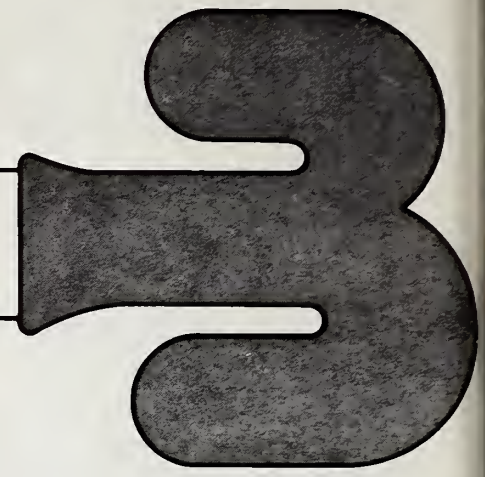
Use of the fund will be determined by the three agencies involved. Each awarding of funds will be reported to the Lions Club. Possible utilization might include college education, funds for job interview assistance, meet special needs for individual aids for the blind or similar occasions.

Ten Rules Of Cour-es

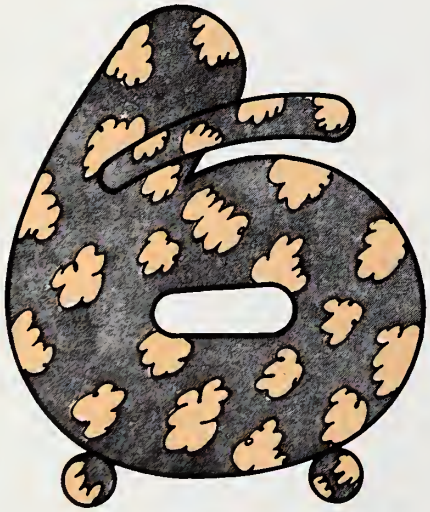


A blind person may need help. He does not need, or want, pity. Thousands are successful workers and many more are working toward independence through State-Federal programs of vocational rehabilitation.

When offering assistance to a blind person, be direct. Speak in a normal tone. Simply ask: "May I be of help?" Address him directly; this helps him locate you.

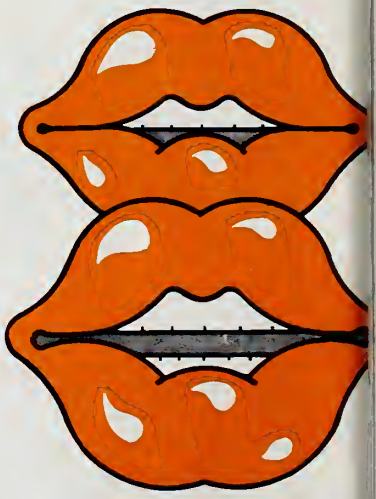


Never "grab" a blind person's arm; he can't anticipate your movements if you do. Permit him to take your arm an say: "Here's my left arm' or the right, as the c e may be. He knows, t n, how to take your arm an he will respond to your motion much as a dance follows a partner.



In showing a blind person to a chair, place his hand upon the back of it; don't try to push him into it. His touch will tell him the type, width and height of the chair.

When serving food to a blind person who is eating without a sighted companion, offer to read the menu – including the price of each item. As you place each item on the table, call his attention to it,

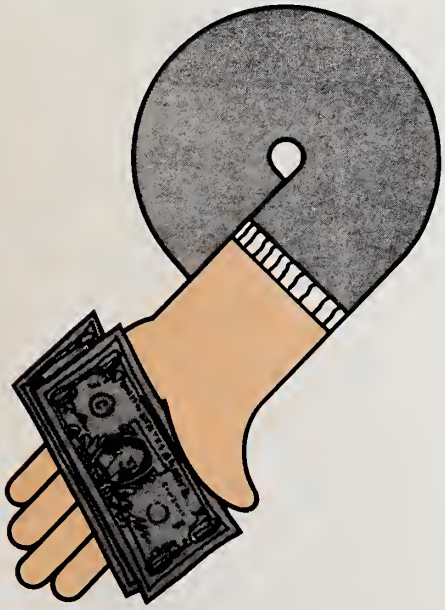


When conversing with a blind person, use normal terms as well as normal tones; he may greet you b saying: "It's good t e you again." Speak directl to him; if your gaze wanders, your voice follows.

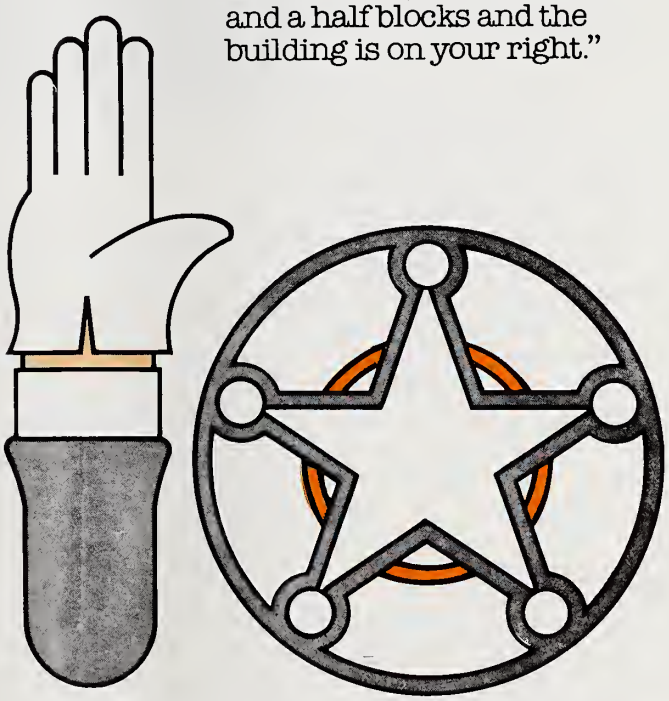
esy To The Blind

In walking with a blind person, proceed at a normal pace; hesitate slightly before stepping up or down; don't drag him over the curb. After crossing a street, see that he is started straight in the direction he wants to take, and caution him of any unusual obstructions ahead.

In giving directions, don't point. Use landmarks or identify intersections by street names. Say: "Three blocks ahead, cross third intersection, turn left two and a half blocks and the building is on your right."



If making change in bills of more than one denomination, hand him the bills separately and identify each denomination as you hand it to him.



If you are a police officer, identify yourself as such when you approach a blind man; he may ask help from you that he would not from others.

Exhibit For The Blind At Ark. Art Center

Usually the most prominent sign one finds at an art exhibit is "Do Not Touch." Visitors to the Yellow Room of the Arkansas Art Center won't see such a warning — actually the visitors are urged "to touch."

Many of the visitors will be blind and wouldn't read such a sign, unless it was embossed in braille, anyway. The exhibit is designed primarily for the blind.

Anne Michael Pappas, the center's educational director, came up with the idea and put it together with cooperation of the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Arkansas Council of the Blind and the AEB. Cooperation took the form of braille labels describing the 40 or more pieces drawn from the Center's regular collection.

AEB trainees have visited the exhibit on several occasions and will continue doing so during its run.

"She (Mrs. Pappas) has done a marvelous job," says Billie Elder, AEB's field representative. Mrs. Elder played a role in promoting the exhibit.

A feature of the exhibit is the use of room dividers in various geometric shapes and with different textured surfaces. "Even the dividers are part of the exhibit," Mrs. Pappas explains, "each different surface leads the blind visitor to a piece of art with shapes, surfaces and dimensions that are different. It covers a range of sensations the blind can experience through touch."

The exhibit closes May 20.

TACTILE EXHIBIT — Anne Michael Pappas describes a brass sculpture for Billie Elder during a tour of the Art Center's "Exhibit for the Blind." Each piece of the exhibit is available to be touched by the blind as they tour the exhibit.

AEB Receives Three Bequests

Two bequests worth almost $11,000, plus a trust valued at approximately $45,000, have been given the AEB Rehabilitation Center by individuals interested in work for the blind.

The trust was established by Mary Francis Knittle of Pine Bluff and will yield payments annually to AEB. Mrs. Mary Morton (Eugene) Smith of Little Rock bequeath $3,000, and Mrs. Hazel H. (Leslie) Williamson of Fort Smith left $7,500 to the rehabilitation center.

Arkansas Lions Paying Pledges For AEB's Operating Budget

Of the 127 Arkansas Lions Clubs which have paid some or all of their pledges to the AEB, 58 of them have raised $20 or more per member.

Highest is the Wilson Lions of 7-O with $80 per member. This payment was made last September. The Little Rock Park Plaza and the North Little Rock Lions have raised $35 per member. Both are in 7-S. Only club to raise $30 for one to date is the Mountain Home Lions in 7-O.

Eight clubs are $25 for one. They are DeQueen, East Camden, Diamondhead, South Hot Springs, and Nashville in 7-L; Little Rock Forest Heights, Pine Bluff Evening and Whitehall in 7-S.

Clubs raising $20 or more (as of January 31) in 7-L are Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia Evening, Camden, Delight, Hope, Hope Evening, Hot Springs, Hot Springs Mid-America, Hot Springs Village Breakfast, Magnet Cove, and Malvern. In 7-I, Morrilton, Russellville and Russellville Evening have paid $20; in 7-O Batesville, Blytheville Evening, Corning, Jonesboro, Salem and Weiner are $20 for one; Clinton, DeWitt, Heber Springs, Helena, Horseshoe Lake, Kensett, Lonoke, Searcy Breakfast, Stuttgart and West Helena are $20 per member; and in 7-S Conway Evening, Crossett, El Dorado Evening, Jacksonville, Monticello, North Little Rock Park Hill are $20 per member.

Through January 31, $66,196 have been paid to AEB by Arkansas Lions Clubs. Suggested quota for this year is $143,595.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING — Lynnda Jones, AEB special project coordinator, points out some advantages of IBM's System Six that's used in AEB's vocational training to Martha Garber of Dallas, federal employment coordinator for the Texas Commission for the Blind. Ms. Garber observed AEB's vocational programs during a February visit.

Richard Kinney, Hadley School President, Dies February 19

Dr. Richard Kinney of Winnetka, Ill., president of the Hadley School for the Blind, died February 19 of heart disease.

Kinney, who was deaf, blind and used a wheelchair because of severe artheritis, was a student of Hadley's, a correspondence school for the blind, before joining the staff and later becoming its president.

He was a March, 1975, visitor to Little Rock. During the visit he took part in an International Services for the Blind's annual meeting, spoke to AEB's trainees, appeared on KTHV's "Eye on Arkansas," and addressed the Arkansas House of Representatives. Gov. David Pryor presented Dr. Kinney an "Arkansas Traveler" certificate.

Later that same year, Dr. Kinney addressed the Lions of the world in their convention in Dallas. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind."

Hadley School, established in 1920, is a correspondence school serving the world. Under Dr. Kinney's leadership the school adopted new programs, expanded its curriculum and was accredited by the National Accreditation Council.

PWI Grant Worth $100,000 Given AEB

The seventh supplement to AEB's Projects With Industry grant was approved in January for $100,000. The grant, funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was first made in 1973.

Last year, 29 blind individuals were placed through efforts of the grant. Included was an IBM dispatcher, an intake officer at Juvenile Division, a crisis intervention center counselor, positions in the Secretary of State's and Attorney General's office and other jobs.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Earl Sharar (AEB '69), formerly of Silver Springs, Maryland, now living in Bradenton, Fla., is one of the new Florida Lions,- thanks to AEB board member Bob Moore. Moore met Sharar while vacationing in Florida, and upon learning he was a former AEB trainee, invited him to a Lions Club meeting he (Moore) was planning to attend. Sharar was extended an invitation to join the club and did.

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AEB was saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy Corvin (AEB ') of Richmond, Va. She was coordinator of Eye Health Services for the Virginia Commission for the Blind. She joined the Commission in 1966. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Lynchburg College and her master's from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1971. Miss Corvin was a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and helped found the Low Vision Interest Group of AAWB in 1975.

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Mrs. Bertha Berry (AEB '78) of Monroe, La., wrote these words to 7-S District Governor Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, her son-in-law: "I want to thank you and all the Lions who were in any way responsible for me coming to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. I have found that being blind is not the end of the world. When I came here I had no aim or purpose. Now I have the courage and will to meet life as I want to meet it. Again, I say, thanks a million."

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Cove Lions used a different approach raising funds for AEB. The 7-L club sponsored an illustrated lecture on Alaska by area resident Jim Branch. Club president is James W. Tauriainen.

Christmas was good for the Fort Smith Lions and their annual auction raised more than $2,200 for sight conservation projects. Club president is William S. Richards.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Allen George Brumett by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Willman
R. W. Dick Conway by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Willman
Howard E. Maxwell by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Willman
Hobart W. McInturff by Miss Allagean Lorince
Frank Kinsey by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Roy Gentry by Bill Chapman
Mrs. Arthur Melson, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rice
Roy Anderson by Hope Lions Club
Barney Starkey by Hope Lions Club
Ferrel Williams by Hope Lions Club, Alvin Willis
Mrs. Cora Lanterman Lawhon by Mrs. Ruth Adams, Mrs. Velma Buttram
Mrs. Florence Rice by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott
Mrs. Ludie Scott by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott
Judge Bobby Steel by Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Ernest R. Parker by Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Charles Hayes by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Jack Lyden by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Hoy Evans by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Silliman
H. T. Hamilton by Mrs. Hugo Norvell
Ms. Rebecca Diana Newman by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway
Kenneth King by Ms. Mary Virginia Butler
William Gresham by Mr. and Mrs. Sandra Snyder
Mrs. Mae Reynolds by Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Silliman
Frank Erhart by Mrs. Louise Keaton
Harold J. Meier by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Mrs. Marie Rather by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thume
H. B. Roney by Dr. Russell E. Myers
Mrs. Julia Washburn by Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Chandler
Mrs. Cora Lawhon by Beaumont Nursing Home
Mrs. Angie Fernandez by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Macie Keene by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Scott
Mrs. Stella Cook by Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Martin
Dr. Paul G. Henley by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Wallace Bailey by Mrs. A. M. Witherspoon
J. Clayton Jones by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley
Clifford R. Talbert by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welman
W. Hansford Land by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welman
Ms. Nell Dunn by Mrs. Carlton Webb
Mrs. William Edwards by Mr. and Mrs. James Douglass
Ed Bannon by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Walker
Mrs. Charlene McDaniel by Mrs. Alice Glover
Dennis Grant by McElhannon Insurance Agency
Mrs. Gertrude Webb by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
J. Paul White by W. H. Bill Chapman
Dr. Richard Kinney by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

THEIR NAMES ARE ON BUILDINGS — Five men have buildings named for them at AEB and each took part in a trainee banquet observing the 32nd anniversary of the rehabilitation center. From left, Robert Sakon of England, Roy Kumpe, Edward G. Barr, Sr. and Dr. J. M. Fowler, all of Little Rock, and Jess Odom of Maumelle New Town. The center's sixth building is named for Mrs. Grace Pinkinton who died in 1975. During the trainee banquet, each individual took a few minutes to describe how he got involved in the program and at what stage its development was when he became involved.

Noel Butler, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Ms. Kathleen Pritchard by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton, Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Maas, Jr.
Mrs. W. C. Edwards by Bay View Reading Club
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Fleming D. Chastain by Perryville Lions Club
Mrs. Carol Carlile by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

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Editorial

Radio Reader Service — Its Time Has Come

State Senator W. D. Moore Jr. of El Dorado, a member of the El Dorado Lions Club, sponsored a bill in the state Senate for a statewide public radio network similar to our public television network. Moore, who appears set to be the Senate's president pro tempore in 1983, has a good idea — we feel.

Before we go any farther, AEB and the Arkansas Lions have many friends and members who own, operate, manage or work for commercial radio stations. We are not advocating competition for them, but part of the proposal by Senator Moore would be of great benefit for Arkansas' blind citizens. We are speaking in favor of that part of the bill.

(Unfortunately, the bill ran into more barriers than a rider in a steeplechase. It failed to pass, but there's always hope two years hence. However, it shouldn't be necessary for the blind to wait two years or more for a service that would be extremely beneficial.)

As proposed by Senator Moore, the public radio network would allow a Radio Reading Service (RRS) to use a sub-frequency. That idea has merit. Commerical radio does an excellent job of reporting the news, providing entertainment and producing outstanding public service programs. There remains, however, a gap that needs filling.

National news and world events, as well as what's happening on our street or across town, is the reason we read the newspaper or catch the news on radio or television. The electronic media doesn't give the in-depth coverage the print media provides, but the blind cannot read the printed page. These factors open the door for a RRS.

The RRS would serve the blind, and some physically handicapped, with information not available over commercial radio. Items like shopping ads, entertainment — what's on the movies or T.V. (blind people do go to the movies and watch television), want-ads, editorials, obituaries, business reports, letters to the editor, columnist, better living columns, food sections and recipes, latest styles, book reviews and the comics. There are hundreds of other items that are not available except through RRS.

Currently a program is in operation in Springdale using the sub-carrier of the local cable television company. When cable companies were vying for the Little Rock contract, a representative of one visited AEB wanting to know how they could meet the needs of blind people. Howard Hanson, AEB's exeuctive director, explained to them the radio reader service concept. Only time will tell if the successful bidder will be interested in providing a reader service.

Other states have good RRS's for their blind citizens. Ohio has an excellent program; so does Minnesota and Oklahoma. There have been efforts in Pulaski County, but funding has been difficult to obtain.

As for Senator Moore's bill, it's too late for the 72nd Assembly. Next session, in 1981, will be another opportunity. Maybe by then some type of program will be available for the blind. It would be a good area for the Lions to examine.

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Spring, while the budding flowers and new grass are nice, can still be a difficult time for mobility instruction. Linda Augustine of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Joan Simms, AEB mobility instructor, battled wind, rain and cold, despite the dogwoods, for this lesson.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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New Vocational Training Scheduled To Begin May 7

Number nine begins May 7.

Nine refers to the number of vocational courses provided by AEB and the Federal Information Center training is the rehabilitation center's latest, the ninth in a series of vocational programs opened for the blind.

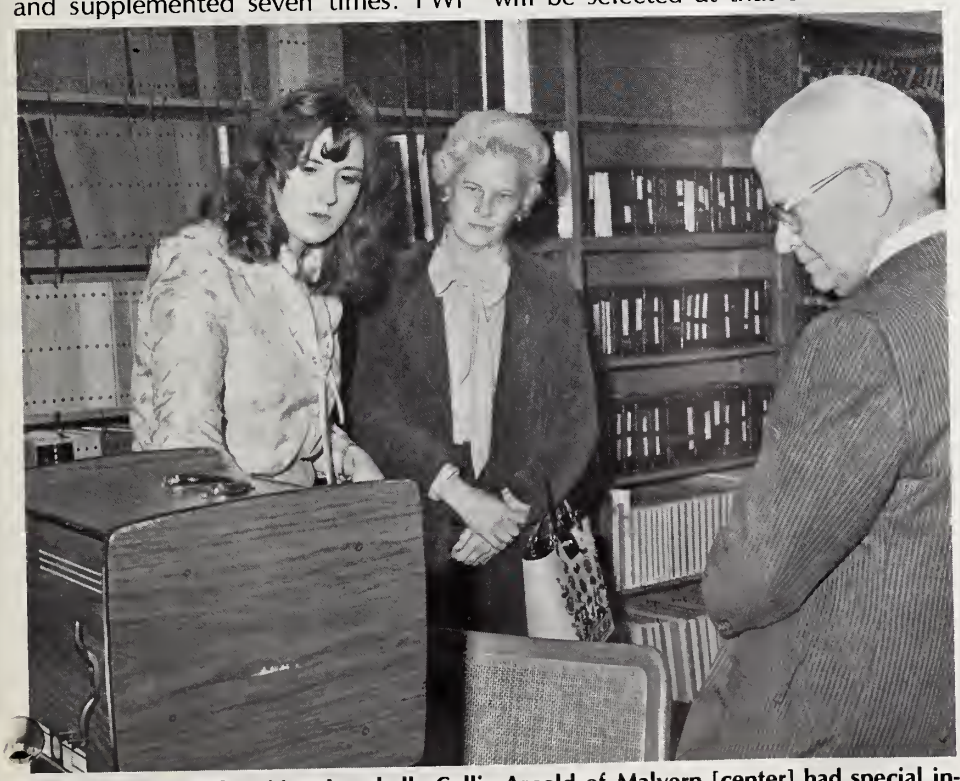
The new one, developed in cooperation with the General Service Administration, is another of the information expediter programs AEB has developed. Basically all are modeled after the Taxpayer Service Representative course.

A FIC employee provides information via the telephone for anyone inquiring about services available from federal agencies. Salary range for such employees is $8,366 to $9,391 annually. Employment demand is expected to be high as the GSA expands its informational program.

Funding for some of the new program is from AEB's Project With Industry grant first received in 1973 and supplemented seven times. PWI funds provide new equipment and research for the program.

Requirements for the six-month course include basic blindness skills: techniques of daily living, home management, mobility, braille — reading at 60 words per minute, slate and stylus writing at 12 words per minute and brailler writing at 20 words per minute. Other skills are typing, 30 words per minute; 12th grade spelling level, effective use of the telephone and AEB recommends the individual have a signature. The GSA demands a high school diploma or have passed the GED. Also, anyone entering this training should be able to work under supervision and in harmony with others.

While the training course starts May 7, the 30-day evaluation required of all AEB vocational trainees, is underway. The admissions committee, composed of AEB staff members and representatives of the government agency, will meet May 4. Those entering the class will be selected at that time.



SPECIAL INTEREST — Mrs. Annabelle Collie Arnold of Malvern [center] had special interest in the electronic aids for the blind housed in AEB's Josephine Collie Library. Mrs. Arnold is Miss Collie's cousin. Lawson Glover, past AEB president, looks on as Marion Madison of the rehabilitation center's staff demonstrates the closed-circuit reader.

Glen Koch

AEB Staff Member Glen Koch Dies

Glen Allen Koch of Little Rock, AEB's switchboard operator, receptionist and instructor, died Tuesday, March 20, in a Little Rock hospital.

Glen came to AEB in June, 1975, as a personal adjustment trainee. He entered Taxpayer Service Representative training in 1976 and graduated in December of that year. Instead of working for the Internal Revenue Service, Glen joined AEB in January, 1977, and continued with the rehabilitation center until his death.

In addition to his regular duties as switchboard operator and receptionist, he assisted with the evaluation and instruction of trainees on the switchboard.

A native of Morrilton, he was a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Koch of Morrilton; three brothers and four sisters. Funeral and burial was in Morrilton.

A memorial service was held Thursday, March 22, at AEB, conducted by Father William Farrell, a trainee, with assistance of David Ransom, AEB staff member, and Jackie Hainsey and John Justice, both trainees.

Paul Harvey, page two . . . Paul Harvey reports a newsletter out of Washington D.C. claims an "innovated" approach for x-rated pornography — it's in braille. Sorry, Mr. Harvey did not give an address.

61st Annual Lions State Convention Eureka Springs, Arkansas April 27, 28 and 29

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

		PLACE
FRIDAY, April 27, 1979		
10:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	Convention Center
11:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament	Carroll County Country Club
1:00 p.m.	Tennis	Inn of The Ozarks
1:00 p.m.	Bowling	Town & Country Lanes Berryville, AR
6:30 p.m.	Tarnished Brass Banquet	Convention Center
8:00 p.m.	Early Bird Entertainment	(To Be Arranged)
SATURDAY, April 28, 1979		
8:00 a.m.	Registration Continues	Convention Center
9:00 a.m.	State Business Meeting	High School
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break	
10:45 a.m.	Seminars: (Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tail Twisters, General Membership, Sight Conservation, Lioness & Auxiliaries and Leo Clubs.)	High School
12 Noon	AEB Banquet	Convention Center
2:00 p.m.	Ladies Entertainment	Home Show, Shopping, etc.
2:00 p.m.	District Meetings	High School
3:00 p.m.	Sight Conservation Comm. Meet with DGs & DGE	High School
4:00 p.m.	International Convention and Campaign	High School
6:30 p.m.	CONVENTION BANQUET	Convention Center
9:00 p.m.	Entertainment (Square Dance and/or Country Music Show)	Convention Center
SUNDAY, April 29, 1979		
6:30 a.m.	Final Registration	Convention Center
7:00 a.m.	Key Member Breakfast	Convention Center
9:00 a.m.	Necrology Service	Convention Center
10:00 a.m.	Final Business Meeting	Convention Center
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn Business Meeting	

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Berryville, AR 72616
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Lions Light Bulb Sale Scheduled May 7-12

Arkansas Lions, especially those in the Central Arkansas area, will be lighting-up their neighborhoods with their annual Spring Light Bulb sale, May 7 through 12.

The annual light bulb campaign serves two purposes for the Lions — it emphasizes the services available through Arkansas Lions' two statewide projects and is a worthwhile fund raising event. Light bulbs purchased through the International Services for the Blind also serve two purposes for the Lions.

ISB, which holds its annual meeting in early April, annually budgets nearly $40,000 for scholarship aid to international trainees at AEB. ISB receives the brokerage fee from the sale of light bulbs to Lions Clubs. Currently 11 international trainees are enrolled at AEB.

Some clubs use different techniques for their selling effort, but generally the door-to-door canvass is used by most. Bob Shepard, AEB's business administrator, estimates 72,000 bulbs will be sold in Pulaski County alone during the spring sale.

Corrections Come Quick For Misinformed Editor

Pity the poor editor!

March's issue of **New Life** included a story listing the Arkansas Lions Clubs that have raised at least $20 per member or more for the rehabilitation center's operating budget.

Two clubs quickly called stating their concern that the totals in the story weren't correct. DeQueen felt it was better than $25 per member, and the Little Rock Forest Heights Lions had the same notion. Both were right.

DeQueen's 58 members have raised $1,740 for the rehabilitation center in 1978-79, $30 per member. The Forest Heights clubs has 25 members who have raised $875, $35 per member.

Information for the story was taken from a report issued January 31, 1979, and did not include the latest contributions.

"That's my story and I'm gonna stick to it."

Music To March By While In Montreal

In addition to the Arkansas Lions attending the Lions International Convention in Montreal, there'll be another entourage of Arkansans — approximately 145 strong — helping Arkansas make a favorable impression before the world's largest service organization.

For the first time in several years, Arkansas is sending a band to the convention. This one, the Arkansas High School All-State band, will be 113-members plus 32 chaperones.

They'll travel by bus to Canada and lead the Arkansas delegation in the international parade, plus entertain in numerous hotels and at several state's breakfasts during the convention.

Getting to Montreal isn't cheap. Cost per person is approximately $350 for transportation and rooms and meals. Local clubs, the band members and band booster clubs are coordinating fund raising efforts to pay this cost. Advertise Arkansas Committee is asking every Arkansas Lions Club to assist sending the band to Montreal.

One major fund raising effort in central Arkansas will be Central Arkansas Lions Club Night at Ray Winder Field on June 5. Clubs in that area will sell $1 game tickets for the doubleheader between the Arkansas Travelers and Amarillo. All ticket sales to go to the band activity.

During the break between games the band will give a concert. Plans also call for a combo to perform in front of the stadium before the game.

Special uniforms for the Montreal trip have been designed and each band member will purchase his own. Uniforms are red blazers, white slacks, white shoes and a tie furnished by the Arkansas Lions.

Band members represent 45 various Arkansas High Schools. All but three schools are located in communities with Lions Clubs. In addition to the musicians, there will be eight flag bearers, eight twirlers and a drum major. High schools represented are, in District L, Hope, Mena, Malvern, Mount Ida, Arkadelphia, Benton and Gurdon; in District I, Fort Smith Southside, Fort Smith Northside, Russellville, Van Buren, Fayetteville, Rogers, Springdale, Alma, Prairie Grove, Bentonville, Harrison and Marshall; in District O, Jonesboro, Jonesboro Nettleton, Blytheville and Gosnell; in District N, Cabot, Carlisle, Stuttgart, West Memphis, Greenbrier, and Forrest City; in District S, NLR Northeast, NLR Ole Main, LR Hall, Sylvan Hills, McClellan, Mills, LR Parkview, LR Central, LR Mount St. Marys, LR Catholic, Sheridan, Conway, Drew Central, Fordyce, El Dorado and Dumas.

The 145-member entourage will leave by bus from Conway at 4 p.m. on June 16 and return to North Little Rock at 8 a.m. on June 26. The ten-day trip includes overnight stops in Cleveland, Ohio; Watertown, N.Y.; four nights in Montreal at the College Jean de Breheuf; and stops on the return trip in Watertown and Cleveland. Two nights of their trip will call for overnight travel on the buses.

While their schedule will be packed with parades and concerts, band members will have time for sightseeing activities in Montreal.

Coordination of the trip is between the Advertise Arkansas Committee and the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association. Executive secretary of the band group is Raymond Brandon of North Little Rock, the music director for the Lions sponsored Bicentennial Bowl in 1975.

BEAUTY AND THE BUMS — They're not really bums, just members of the DeQueen Lions participating in their 27th annual variety show. Diane Alexander of Austin, Texas, a graduate of AEB's Community Service Advisor Program, sang several songs for the show.

Lions Charter Two New Clubs

Arkansas Lions are continuing to grow as the multi-district adds a new club in May after chartering a new club in March. The two clubs bring to 202 the number of Lions Clubs in the state.

On March 24 the Bentonville Breakfast Lions Club was chartered in District I, while the sponsoring club, the Bentonville-Bella Vista Lions, was observing its ninth anniversary. According to Norman Lambert, state secretary, 186 persons, out of 192 reservations, attended the charter night. Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, Arkansas' candidate for Lions International 3rd vice president in 1980, was the charter speaker.

The club, which will meet the first and third Tuesday at 7 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Bentonville, chartered 49 members. Joe Hurd is president of the new club and PDG Bob Burns is the Guiding Lion.

Fountain Lake, another Lions Club for the Hot Springs area, will be chartered May 17 at the Fountain Lake High School. The new club, located in District L, will meet at the Walnut Valley Restaurant on Highway 7. To date, 25 Lions have signed the charter.

James Truett is charter president and Preston Knowles of the South Hot Springs Lions, the sponsoring club, is the Guiding Lion.

COLLEGE PREP PROSPECTS — With College Prep scheduled to begin June 11, AEB hosted a group of Oklahoma School for the Blind juniors and seniors who are interested in the training. The group toured AEB, were guests at a trainee dance and visited with staff and trainees. Jim Cordell, AEB's assistant executive director, anticipates College Prep students this summer.

NAC On-Site Team Studies AEB's Application For Reaccreditation

Four specialists in work for the blind completed on March 25 their on-site visit of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, for the rehabilitation center's second, five-year reaccreditation by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

The four-member team evaluated the rehabilitation center's operations, management and programs to determine if AEB is maintaining standards of services as established by the accrediting body. AEB is a charter member of NAC and was the first agency accredited. The accreditation must be renewed every five years through a self-study and an on-site visit.

AEB's on-site visit was a three-day study. Areas of concentration included financial activities, facilities, orientation and mobility, vocational services, social services, low vision, personnel administration, public relations and fund raising.

In a preliminary report issued before the team left Little Rock, the four experts had high praise for the Lions and their involvement with AEB, and good remarks about the work Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director, is doing. The team also praised AEB's staff for their part in maintaining their standards of service following Roy Kumpe's retirement after 40 years as executive director and the coming of Hanson.

Members of the NAC team were Dr. Richard Bleecker of New York, executive director of NAC; Louis Strickland of Jackson, Miss.; Ms. Judy Covert of Cincinnati; and Dr. Frank Kells of Phoenix, Ariz.

Results of the team's findings will be made known to AEB by late May. The next NAC reaccreditation committee meets in June.

Following the NAC teams visit AEB's board of directors voted a special note of commendation to AEB's staff for their effort in preparing for the on-site visit.

AEB Starts Newsletter For Its Staff Members

There's a new publication at AEB, this one for staff members. Latest communication endeavor is the INSIDER, a one-page information sheet for staff members.

The INSIDER is the first publication by AEB to be both printed and embossed in braille on a regular basis. All publishing work is done in-house with print copies reproduced on the IBM System Six and braille copies embossed on the LED-120 attachment to the Honeywell computer.

Publication of the newsletter started March 1. It features activities of the rehabilitation center's staff, visitors for the week, staff birthdays and service anniversaries, new employees and similar information.

"We expect," says Howard Hanson, AEB executive director, "the INSIDER will bridge the communication gap AEB has been experiencing since our staff has grown so large and their workload increased."

The information sheet is written in the Community Relations office and typed into the System Six by a trainee. It's distributed within the campus each Monday afternoon.

Broussard Honored

Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, chairman of AEB's Service Advisory Council and administrator of the Louisiana Blind Service Program, was appointed a Knight of Saint Gregory by Pope John Paul I.

Broussard's investiture into the Knighthood of St. Gregory was held last November in Baton Rouge. The honor is public recognition of faithful and unceasing service to the Church.

A longtime supporter of AEB and its programs, he has served as chairman of its Service Advisory Council for several years.

60TH ANNIVERSARY — Featured speaker for the Hot Springs Lions' 60th anniversary was Lions International 2nd Vice-president Bill Chandler of Montgomery, Ala. A special plaque, made by a member of the club and pictured at the table with Lion and Lioness Stanley Roach, was presented Lion Roach, the club's president, for his leadership during the club's 60th year.

Bequest Giving Assists AEB And Individual Making Gift

AEB has recently recognized the effects of several bequests made to the rehabilitation center. The dedication of the Josephine Collie Library and an increasing endowment are both results of someone remembering AEB in their will.

On March 25, the Collie Library was dedicated in memory of Josephine Collie of Malvern who left AEB a sizable tract of timber. This was later sold for more than $200,000. Part of it was used in the construction of the Jim Fowler Building which houses the Collie Library.

In 1977, the rehabilitation center learned Miss Laura Sherwood of Hot Springs had left part of her estate — approximately $200,000 — to AEB. While others have not been nearly as much, several other individuals have remembered AEB when they arranged their estate.

Since the first of this year, AEB has received $10,500 from two estates. Another is being probated and could mean $27,000 to the center.

The last three annual reports list more than $500,000 in bequests to AEB. The 1978 annual report shows the endowment fund, which receives at least three-fourths of any bequest, totals $305,354.

Giving part of an estate to AEB, or any charitable organization, is beneficial to both the giver and receiver. Gifts to qualified charities, such as AEB, are not subject to the federal gift tax. A wise person can actually increase the part of their estate going to their family by leaving a gift to AEB.

For additional information, contact the Office of Executive Director, AEB, 2811 Fair Park, Little Rock, AR 72204.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Crossett Lions' 10th annual radio and television auction netted the club $4,014, exceeding the previous year's effort by $400. The Crossett club has contributed $1,100 to AEB and $305 to the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign in 1978. Bob Brooks is club president.

Jacksonville Noon Lions loaned their strong backs and trucks to assist six elderly tenants who moved into the city's new high rise apartment for the elderly and handicapped. Club president is John Loyd.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Jeff Shaffer of Helena, Mont. (TSR '77) was featured in **Lifestyles**, the feature section of the **Independent Record** of Helena. Jeff has been employed with the Internal Revenue Service in Helena for 16 months. He, and his wife, Jean, are expecting a baby next month, and Jeff is a candidate for president of the Helena Jaycees.

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Belinda Turner of Marston, Mo. (AEB '75) is now employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Little Rock as a Traffic Service Position System operator. This is the position first filled by Ann McDaniel as the nation's first blind, long distance operator. Miss Turner uses the AEB-purchased equipment designed and installed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology for this job. Two other former AEB trainees — Vicki Parker of Gonzalas, La. (AEB '77) and Alice Hebert of DeRidder, La. (AEB '77) — are employed in similar work by Louisiana South Central Bell in Baton Route.

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Carolyn Cox of Monticello (AEB '73) was the subject of a feature story in the **Advance Monticellonian.** Carolyn, a native of Lake Village, is the only blind person currently enrolled at the University of Arkansas-Monticello. She has one more semester of college before graduation and hopes to work as a hospital counselor.

Former Trainees Die Recently

Former trainee Mrs. Era McCoy of Little Rock (AEB '66) died recently. AEB learned of her death through the many memorials in her memory. The first television set donated to the rehabilitation center for use by the trainees was given by Mrs. McCoy and her family. Another former trainee, Mrs. Doris Adee of Sulphur, La. (AEB '67), died in February. AEB learned of her death through the many memorials. Several of her friends wrote AEB expressing their appreciation of what the center had done for Mrs. Adee to improve her abilities as a blind person.

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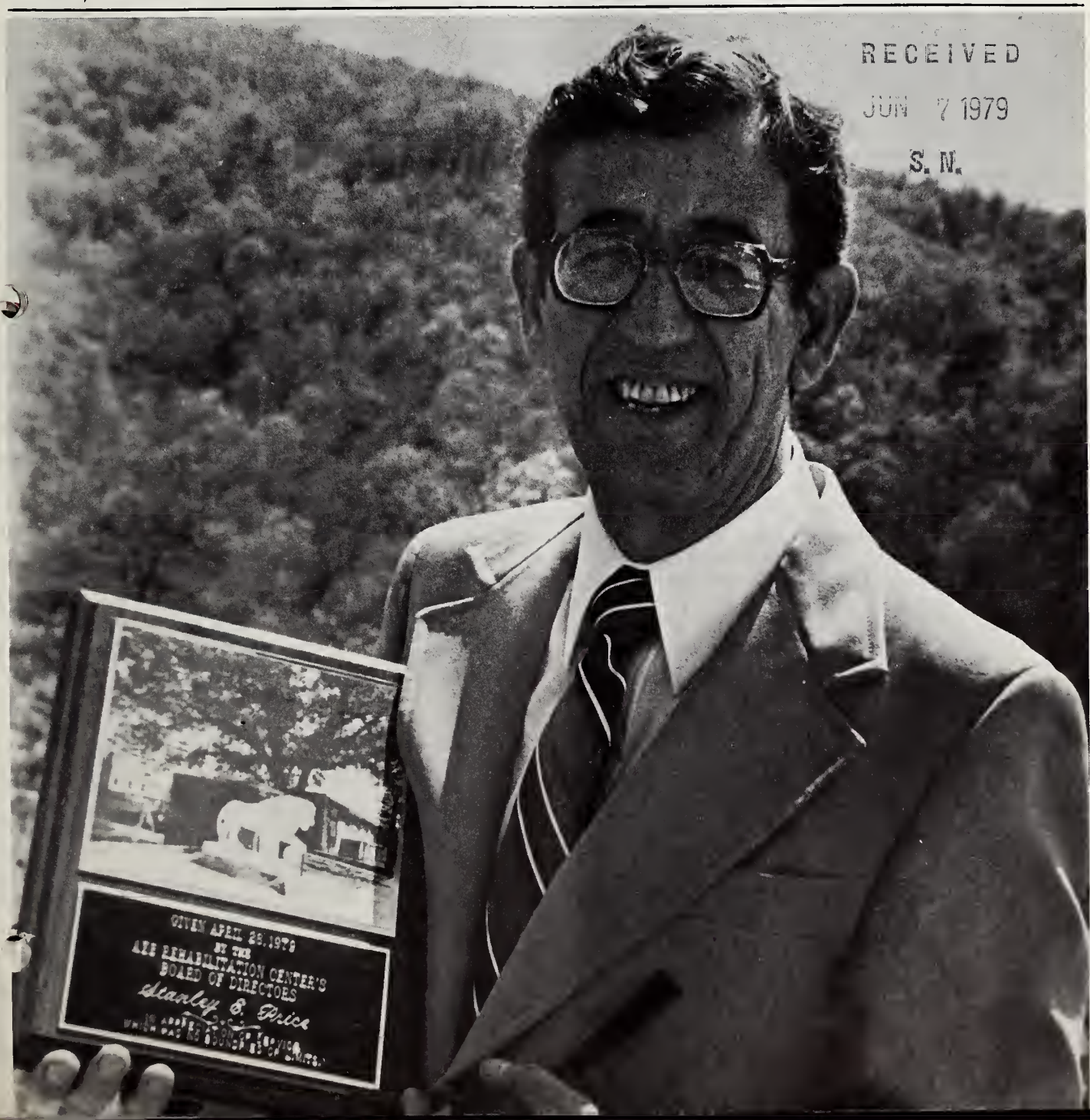

Editorial

Some Well Deserved Eclat

If ever there was an ideal location or time to prove Murphy's Law — if something can go wrong, it will — the 61st Arkansas Lions state convention was the place. With an overflow crowd exceeding 700, convention space too small, having to bus people or send them off walking across hill and dale looking for meeting rooms, serving the evening banquet in shifts after the noon luncheon had burst the seams; all the ingredients for a major SNAFU were present — yet all went well.

The Eureka Springs Lions, and convention chairman Gene Bland, are responsible for breaking Murphy's Law and getting away with it. They did it through good planning and hard work.

It was evident even with the first events — the golf and tennis tournaments. Golfers drove to the Berryville Country Club in rain and cold wind. Some even played the first few holes in moisture ranging from a light mist to a heavy dew. Then it stopped, the clouds thinned and the golfers enjoyed bright sunshine.

Using bus transportation, the Lions arranged the evening activities on Saturday so that within 30-minutes of the activities' end in the City's famous auditorium, everyone was back at his motel.

Eureka Springs is an ideal location for a convention, except no one motel can handle a large crowd; plus its convention center's capacity is less than 600 for dining. Yet it's all made up by the unique city, for what Arkansawyer can resist the opportunity of a weekend in the Ozarks?

That may be the reason so many showed up for the state convention. The Eureka Springs Lions are responsible for the well-planned convention. Next year, Hot Springs, another of Arkansas' popular resort centers, gets a shot at repeating Eureka Springs' fine effort.

Next is...

. . . Montreal. Lions International's 62nd convention convenes in less than a month. Arkansas Lions will be there. Counting the 150 members of the All-State Band, more than 350 Arkansawyers will be in the Canadian city.

It should be an enjoyable convention in a city to be enjoyed. Except for the five new District Governors attending their school, and the outgoing DG's winding down their year in important leadership roles, Arkansas people can spend most of their time enjoying the convention and city.

Some time should be set aside, however, for some backdoor politicking for the state's campaign to elect a third vice-president in Chicago '80. Everyone knows Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler is our candidate, and while there can be no outright campaigning until after Saturday's voting for the '79 leaders, astute campaigners will be able to get the right words worked into any conversation.

Arkansas' time has come. We've been active in Lionism from the word go, yet Edward G. Barry, Sr. as an international president in 1957-58, and three international directors (M. C. Lewis, Herman West and Dr. J. M. Fowler) are all we can count in the Lions' hierarchy.

Arkansas Lions have shared with the world the AEB Rehabilitation Center; plus Barry and two others from our state who have served as president of Lions International. Now it's time for another.

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AEB's board of directors took a moment to recognize a Lion who has served the rehabilitation center unselfishly for many, many years. Stanley Price, who has been a president of AEB, was given a special plaque from the board of directors.

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ISB BOARD — Board members met the international trainees now at AEB. Linda Chou of Taipei, Taiwan [center], discussed her training at AEB, and her plans for working with the blind in Taiwan. Howard Hinman [left] of Reedsport, Oregon, a board member, and Bob Shepard, AEB business administrator, listen.

College Prep Starts June 11

Beginning June 11, and continuing for nine-weeks, AEB's 19th edition of its College Preparatory program preparing recent high school graduates who are blind for college will be underway.

Jim Cordell, AEB's assistant executive director, says 25 will be enrolled this year. Cordell adds that this year's program will not differ greatly from the past several years. "Results of this program indicate we are offering the best training for these young people," he reports.

Since its inception in 1960, AEB has graduated 760 from this program.

Training is divided between AEB's campus, where the students are given instructions in everyday skills needed by a blind person, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock campus where they monitor regular classes during the summer session.

On AEB's campus such skills as braille, math, techniques of daily living, orientation and mobility, typing, social skills and similar areas are given. A special class for academic instructions is provided at AEB.

At UALR the potential college student develops an ability to take notes, secure reader service, practice campus mobility, enter social activities and learn the college library system. Students claim the actual classroom work during the nine-weeks is great preparation for later school work.

Instructor for the program will be John Lammers from the University of Central Arkansas. This will be his third year as the instructor. Also working with the program will be AEB's research director Rick Day.

ISB Board Approves 3 Scholarships

The directors of the International Services for the Blind approved three scholarships for international trainees at the AEB Rehabilitation Center and established a 25 member Advisory Council to explore scholarships available from other sources during the organization's recent meeting at AEB.

ISB, an affiliate of the AEB, provides scholarships for professional workers, or personal adjustment training for blind individuals from other countries at the AEB. Forty-one countries have been served at AEB through the work of ISB.

Three individuals receiving scholarships from the board represent Cali, Colombia; Istanbul, Turkey; and San Salvador, El Salvador. Turkey will be served for the first time.

Currently 12 international trainees, representing Peru, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania and Venezuela are enrolled at the rehabilitation center. Eight of those enrolled are Saudi Arabians.

ISB directors, who represent eight states and Colombia, Saudi Arabia, and Mexico voted to establish a 25-member Advisory Council that would explore organizations and government agencies sponsoring international scholarships. Primary source of ISB scholarships now come from brokerage fees received from marketing Westinghouse light bulbs to Lions Clubs and other organizations for fund raising efforts. Last year ISB provided $40,000 for scholarships.

John Dixon of Sulphur, Louisiana, was elected to the board.

DON'T FORGET...

Arkansas Breakfast

at

Montreal — Holiday Inn

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AEB Annual Membership Lunche

FULL HOUSE — With 700-plus registered, 570 seats, AEB's luncheon was crowded.

INTRODUCTIONS — Included in the overflow crowd at the luncheon were Past International President Edward G. Barry, Sr. and Miss Ada. Since the event is a board and "stockholders" meeting, the directors were introduced.

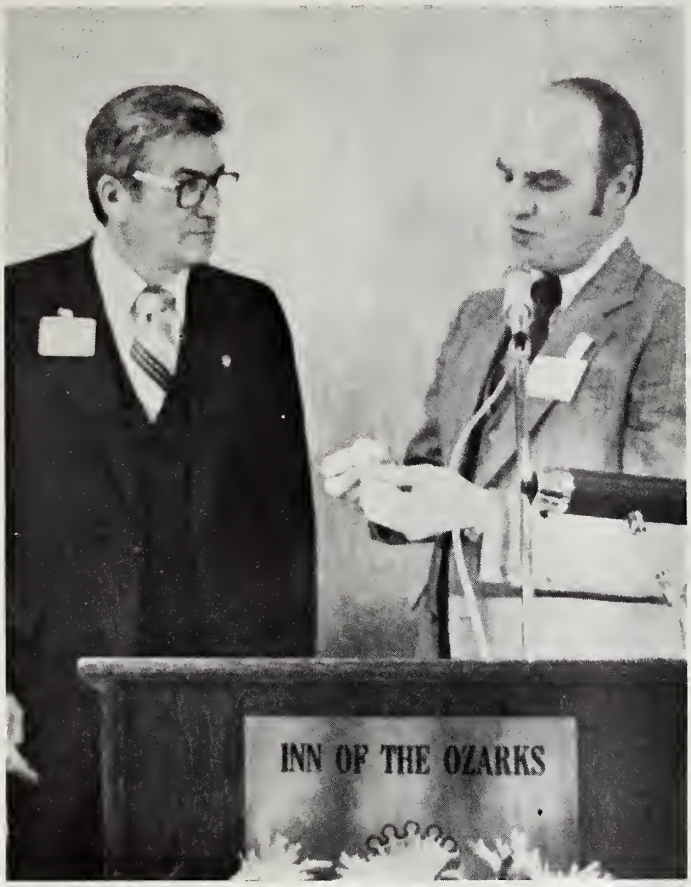
AEB's board of directors and more than 700 "stockholders" got together for lunch April 28 in Eureka Springs and heard very favorable reports of the rehabilitation center's work.

Perhaps the most impressive reports were given by two individuals who know more than anyone the true value of the center's training. Jim Hester, a computer programmer trainee, and Martha Gephardt, a former trainee now employed as a computer programmer by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, told the "stockholders" about their training at AEB.

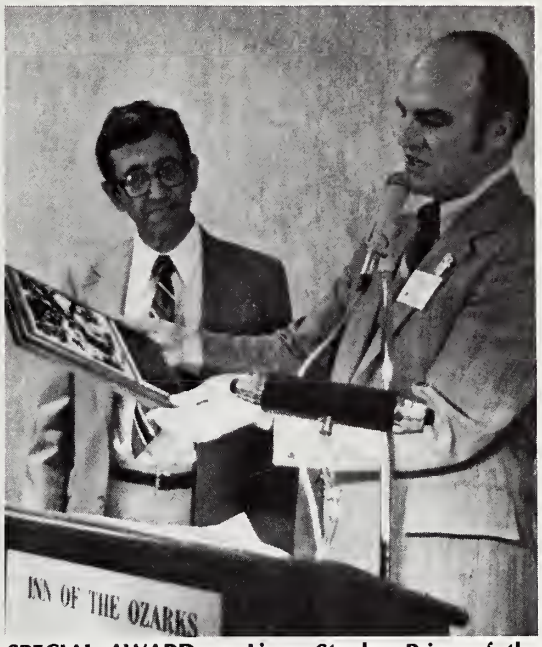
In addition, Howard Hanson, AEB's executive director; Wes Smelley, its president; Alvin Reap, its treasurer; and others gave equally positive reports.

During the luncheon the rehabilitation center recognized the extra volunteer effort by lega counselor Stanley Price of the Little Rock Founders Lions, and several board members who completed terms last June 30.

Draws Full House Of Stockholders



FRIENDSHIP PIN — International Director William P. Leibensperger of Columbus, Ohio, received an AEB friendship pin from President Wes Smelley.

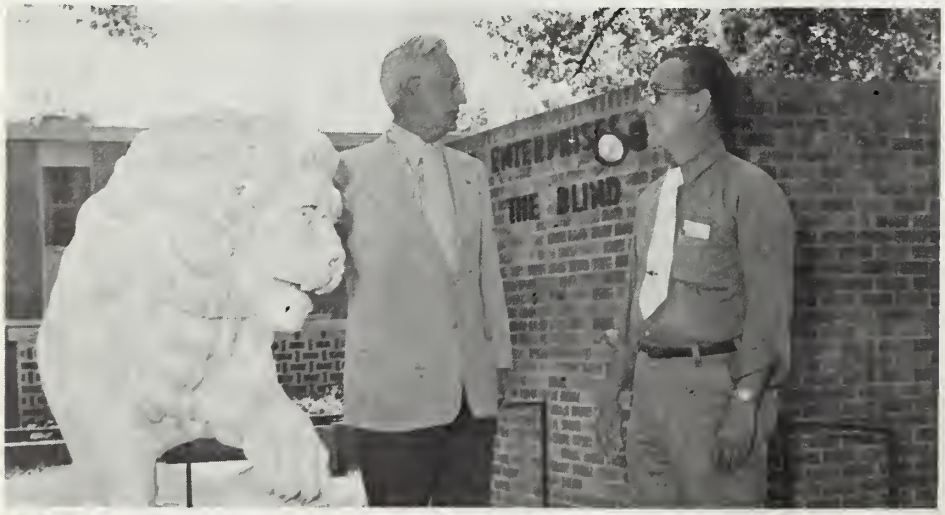


SPECIAL AWARD — Lions Stanley Price of the Little Rock Founders Lions has assisted AEB's board with their legal matters, as well as serving as the center's president, for many years. The board took this opportunity to express their appreciation.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION — District Governor Einar Strand of Eureka Springs hands Lions Wendall Johnson of Fort Smith a certificate from AEB for his service on the board. Also recognized were Gene Browne, Amos David, Clarence Freeze, Lawson Glover, Nyle Oswalt, R. H. Shaddock, John Dixon of Sulphur, La., and William E. Steinbrueck of Chesterfield, Mo.

GOVERNOR'S ORIENTATION — District Governor-elect Carl and Mrs. Chambers of District 7-N visit a vocational class . . .

. . . and District Governor-elect Gerald and Mrs. Carr of District 7-I have a mobility lesson.



KUMPE FELLOW — Jim Little [right] of Buffalo, New York, a counselor for New York Commission for the Visually Handicapped, is the latest recipient of a Roy Kumpe Fellowship. Kumpe is pictured in the center; that's AEB's lion statue on the left.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Tom (TSR '76) and Jan Lovejoy are the parents of a daughter, Cortney Alison, born April 12 and weighing eight pounds and three ounces. Tom, a native of Minnesota, is employed in the Little Rock Internal Revenue Service office.

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Tiofila Cerna (AEB '69) of Phoenix, Ariz., is teaching macrame, basket-weaving and copper work at the Phoenix Center for the Blind. She was recently named the Phoenix Volunteer of the Week and was featured in a special newspaper story.

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Tom Cottrell (TSR '77) of Cleveland, Ohio, is working for the Internal Revenue Service and reports "all is well." Tom, who traveled much of Arkansas and visited numerous Lions Clubs and entertained at four Fall Conferences in '77, and his wife have purchased a home and become involved in their church's youth activities. Tom claims he has lost 35 pounds, much of it gained at Lions' meetings.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

Wynne Lions have completed a successful fund raising effort — an auction that netted more than $4,000 for their sight conservation program. It was the fourth auction held by the club. James Caldwell is club president.

PDG W. H. Chapman Dies

Former AEB board member W. H. (Bill) Chapman of Kensett, secretary-treasurer of the Kensett Lions, died April 15.

Lion Chapman was a past president of the Kensett Lions and served as district governor, 1967-68. He was serving as activities chairman on the cabinet of District 7-N district governor Freddie Joyce.

First International Trainee Doing Well

"It's most rewarding to observe the effects on the lives of not only those we serve, but also on their family and others."

With those words Roy Kumpe recalled his recent visit with Yong Bong Park of Seoul, Korea, the first international trainee at the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

"He's very successful," Kumpe reported, "and more importantly, he's working to assist others in his country who are blind."

According to Kumpe, Park returned to Korea and immediately set about organizing a rehabilitation center based on AEB. He involved a Lions Club and the center continues its operation.

He now provides jobs as masseur for blind people in Korea. An astute businessman, Park opened his own business and now has the concession with the major hotels in Seoul. He also works with a church for the blind which sponsors a home for blind men, and a home for blind women.

Park entered AEB in 1956 for three months, then attended Perkins School for the Blind before returning in 1957 for three additional months. Since his enrollment, AEB has served international trainees from 41 countries — counting Korea.

FIRST PIP CLASS — Members of the first Personnel Interviewer Program class at AEB completed their classroom work last month. Class members are [from left] Bob Hancik of Bethlehem, PA, AEB executive director Howard Hanson, Dennis Owens of Dickson, TN, Jorean Bouie of Memphis, Joe Kent of Doraville, GA, and Raymond Jones of New Iberia, LA. Julia Morgan is the instructor.

LIKE THAT — Robert C. Jaekle, director of rehabilitation at the Helen Keller International, Inc. [left], compares his work to AEB for Roy Kumpe. Jaekle attended the ISB board meeting held at AEB.

Center Opens New Course

Six blind individuals started on May 7 their work towards becoming Federal Information Center information expeditors for the General Service Administration, the first blind in the nation attempting to land these jobs.

AEB's ninth vocational course — FIC — is another example of the rehabilitation center's leadership in providing jobs for the blind.

Graduates will earn more than $8,400 annually. Their job will be to provide information to an inquiring public on services of all federal agencies over the telephone.

Class members are Linda Augustin, Ribhi Mohammad, Gary Gersten, Pam Garza and Carmella Valente. Ann Burton is the course instructor.

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One hundred and 27 Arkansas Lions clubs raised $10 or more per member for the AEB Rehabilitation Center. Club efforts ranged from the $10 level to as high as $80 per member by the Wilson Lions. Several other clubs raised amounts worthy of mention — DeQueen, East Camden, Hot Springs South, Nashville, Russellville Evening, Mountain Home, Batesville, Manila, Little Rock Southwest, North Little Rock, Little Rock Park Plaza, Little Rock Forest Heights, Fordyce, Little Rock Founders, Pine Bluff Evening and White Hall.

Below are all the clubs, listed by district, raising $10 or more per member:

DISTRICT 7-L

10 for 1:
Gurdon
Hot Springs Oaklawn
Magnolia
Mineral Springs
Murfreesboro
Prescott
Texarkana

15 for 1:
Ashdown
Horatio

20 for 1:
Arkadelphia
Arkadelphia Evening
Benton
Bryant
Camden
Camden Evening
Delight
Diamondhead
Hope
Hope Evening
Hot Springs
Hot Springs Mid-America
Hot Springs Village (Eve.)
Hot Springs Village Breakfast
Magnet Cove
Malvern
Mena

25 for 1:
East Camden
Hot Springs South
Nashville

30 for 1:
DeQueen

DISTRICT 7-I

10 for 1:
Atkins
Farmington
Fort Smith Noon
Fort Smith Southside
Green Forest
Greenland
Harrison
Harrison Evening
Ola
Plumerville
Springdale
Van Buren

15 for 1:
Bentonville-Bella Vista
Fayetteville
Ozark
Rogers
Siloam Springs

20 for 1:
Berryville
Eureka Springs
Fayetteville Evening
Fort Smith Evening
Morrilton
Russellville

25 for 1:
Russellville Evening

DISTRICT 7-O

10 for 1:
Blytheville
Caraway
Cherokee Village
Cherokee Village Indians
Highland
Horseshoe Bend
Jonesboro Univ. Heights
Mammoth Spring
Newport
Osceola
Paragould
Piggott
Pocahontas
Walnut Ridge
Westside

15 for 1:
Jonesboro Nettleton
Lepanto

20 for 1:
Blytheville Evening
Corning
Jonesboro
Monette
Salem
Strawberry
Weiner

25 for 1:
Batesville
Manila

30 for 1:
Mountain Home

80 for 1:
Wilson

DISTRICT 7-N

10 for 1:
Augusta
Bald Knob
Brinkley
Cabot
Carlisle
Des Arc
Palestine
Quitman
Searcy
West Helena Eve.

15 for 1:
Fairfield Bay
Forrest City
Parkin

20 for 1:
Clinton
DeWitt
Heber Springs
Helena
Horseshoe Lake
Hughes
Kensett
Lonoke
Searcy Breakfast
Stuttgart
West Helena
West Memphis
Wynne

DISTRICT 7-S

10 for 1:
Dermott
El Dorado
Eudora
Hermitage
Jacksonville Noon
Mayflower
Redfield-Hensley

15 for 1:
Conway
Gould
Pleasant Valley
Pine Bluff

20 for 1:
Conway Evening
Crossett
El Dorado Evening
Jacksonville
Oak Forest
Pulaski Heights
Monticello
NLR Park Hill
NLR North Hills
Watson Chapel

25 for 1:
Fordyce
L.R. Founders
Pine Bluff Evening
Whitehall

35 for 1:
L.R. Forest Heights
L.R. Park Plaza
North Little Rock

40 for 1:
L.R. Southwest

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Past District Governor Robert L. Moore of Little Rock is the rehabilitation center's new president. Moore, a past member of the board, a former second vice-president and a member of numerous committees, took office on July 1.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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AEB'S LEADERSHIP — New officers elected by AEB's board of directors for the year 1979-80 are [front row] Robert L. Moore of Little Rock, president; [second row] Dr. Don Freel of Hope, first vice president; Alvin Reap of Little Rock, treasurer; [third row] A. W. Isenman Jr. of Little Rock, secretary; and Walker Tucker of Little Rock, second vice-president.

Past District Governor Bob Moore Is Elected AEB's 28th President

Past district governor Robert L. Moore of Little Rock is AEB's new president. He was elected June 9 for the 1979-80 year.

Other officers elected during the same AEB quarterly board meeting were Dr. Don Freel of Hope, first vice-president; Walker Tucker of Little Rock, second vice-president; A. W. Isenman Jr. of Little Rock, secretary; and Alvin Reap of Little Rock, treasurer. The officers, current district governors and immediate past president Wes Smelley of Little Rock make up AEB's executive committee.

In addition to serving as district governor in 1975-76, Moore is a past president of the North Little Rock Lions and has served as AEB's second vice-president. Moore is a building contractor and developer.

During the board meeting electing new officers, a number of board members were elected or reelected. Elected for two-year terms were Dr. O. J. Ratcliff of North Little Rock, Lawson Glover of Malvern, Charlie Price of Little Rock and James A. Robertson of Hattiesburg, Miss. Robertson is the first former AEB trainee to be elected to the board.

Directors reelected were Royce Pendergrass of Hope, Einar Strand of Eureka Springs, Harold Plank of Horseshoe Bend, Freddie Joyce of Searcy, Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, Reap, Senator Dale Bumpers of Washington, D. C., Moore, William Nash of Little Rock, Jess P. Odom of Maumelle New Town, Robert Sakon of England, and Walter Silliman of Camden.

There are 44 members of the rehabilitation center's board and with the exceptions of Nash and Bumpers, all are Lions.

Malvern Lions Honor Swearingen with Room

Malvern Lions have chosen to remember the late Cecil Swearingen of Malvern, a long-time Lion, with a room furnished in his memory at the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Swearingen died suddenly April 13.

He was a Malvern civic leader, owner of The Leader store, a past club president and a former district secretary.

An announcement by the Club stated: "Mr. Swearingen was a long-time member of the Lions Club and worked endless hours to promote help for the blind."

Goal for the memorial fund is $1,500 to furnish a room in the Dr. J.M. "Jim" Fowler Building, AEB's newest structure. The amount covers the cost of furnishing a dormitory room. Lion Swearingen's name will be listed with others for whom a room is furnished in the building.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

Speaker on June 8 for the Little Rock Metrocentre Lions was Martha Gephardt, a recent computer programmer graduate from AEB. Those attending the Arkansas Lions Convention in Eureka Springs will remember Mrs. Gephardt was a speaker during the AEB Membership luncheon.

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With Sheridan businessmen donating merchandise, the Sheridan Lions Club held a rummage sale to raise funds for their sight conservation projects. The sale raised $515 for the club.

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There's no mention of funds raised, but the Glenwood Lions must have had a good effort for their recent Omelet Day. They served approximately 400 persons. The Arkansas Poultry Commission donated cooking equipment and personnel to assist the local Lions.

Sight Conservation Forum is August 26

Grooming: Polishing A New Life

BY LEE CLARK

The ease of grooming is something the sighted person may take for granted. But for the blind or visually impaired, grooming is something that takes training, such as is offered at AEB.

The blind person must deal with the sighted world's expectations of personal appearance. Without training, the blind cannot meet these expectations. They cannot turn to the pages of the latest fashion magazine or view the newest television commercials to find out what the trends are.

So, they must rely on someone. The someone the AEB trainees relied on for 11 years was Mrs. Mattie Reaves, former grooming instructor. (See related article.)

She teaches makeup and some of the more simple beauty and hygiene techniques. But often a foundation must first be laid.

The congentially blind person has very little concept of the shape or contours of his face, Mrs. Reaves said. So, one of the first steps is to teach the trainees to feel the planes and contours of their face and how to work with their features.

Mrs. Reaves accomplishes this by having the blind trainees put the heels of their hands on their chin and "tiptoe" all over the face with their fingers.

Then the trainees are taught to properly clean the skin. Cleansing is important because the trainee must be able to feel the skin in order to continue with either applying cosmetics or shaving.

The routine for the female trainees is similar to a sighted person's. Cosmetic cleansers and makeup are applied in the same way, except the trainees must use their fingers to feel if the makeup is applied smoothly.

The trainees begin with a cleaning routine using a cream cleanser, an astringent and a protective moisturizing cream. This readies the skin for makeup application.

Mrs. Reaves has the ladies use a liquid makeup because she said she believes it is easier to smooth out. She also suggests that they use a brush-on blush because it is easier to judge how much is being applied.

Mrs. Reaves leaves the decision of whether to use eye makeup up to the individual trainee.

The male trainees are taught to shave with both blade and electric razors, and to care for sideburns and hair. To accomplish shaving, the face is divided into sections and the trainee is shown to shave against the grain of the hair.

Dental hygiene is something that must be taught to some of the trainees. Mrs. Reaves uses aids such as recordings provided by the American Dental Association to teach techniques.

She also has devised a special demonstration to teach trainees to floss their teeth. She makes a fist with her hand and tells the trainee to pretend her knuckles are the gumline and that the joints of her fingers are teeth. The trainee then uses the floss on Mrs. Reaves hand and learns the basic method of flossing.

The appearance of the fingernails is another thing the blind trainees must

Mattie Reaves

Mattie Reaves, AEB Instructor, Retires

Mattie Reaves is retiring as AEB's grooming instructor after 11 years. Her July retirement was prompted by medical reasons.

She joined the rehabilitation center as a dormitory supervisor and grooming instructor. She later lived in the Personal Management cottage with several female trainees who were assigned to independent living.

Mrs. Reaves was a beautician before coming to AEB. Her hobby is flowers.

WATCH THOSE SIDEBURNS — John Christianson of Monette, Ark., applies shaving techniques taught in AEB's grooming course. The trainees are told to divide the face into sections and shave against the grain of the beard. In the course, the male trainees are taught to shave with both blade and electric razors.

be concerned with. For both males and females the nails must be clean. Mrs. Reaves includes in their daily routine washing the nails with a fingernail brush to remove any particles which might be underneath the nails.

For the female trainees, the application of nail polish could present difficulties. Therefore, Mrs. Reaves teaches them to buff the nails. After having been buffed, the nails appear to have been polished with a clear gloss.

To further aid in the care of the nails, Mrs. Reaves teaches the trainees to think of the nail as the face of a clock. Where the nail grows out of the finger is nine o'clock on the left side and three o'clock on the right side, with 12 noon being at the center tip of the nail.

The trainee can then judge whether the nail is evenly filed by feeling with the thumb and second finger of the other hand, rather than the forefinger alone. "Your single finger forgets what it felt at three o'clock by the time it gets to nine o'clock," she said.

The overall appearance of the blind person must be pleasing to the sighted person for him to be accepted, Mrs. Reaves said. The grooming program at AEB is the beginning of the orientation of the blind trainee to the expectations of the sighted.

GROOMING SKILLS — Debbie McEntire of Little Rock, Ark., begins her makeup routine with a cosmetic cleanser. A college prep student, Debbie must learn to apply cosmetics to meet the sighted persons' expectations of personal appearance. Makeup application is one of the aspects of the grooming course offered at AEB.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Larry Baker (College Prep '64) is the first person to receive the Charles Stevenson Memorial Award for outstanding services for the handicapped at a recent Great Plains Region National Rehabilitation Association meeting. He is an assistant professor of management at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

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Jack McSpadden (TSR '67) was nominated by a member of the Board of American Telephone and Telegraph as a candidate for the "Handicapped American of the Year" award. McSpadden is a staff supervisor for recruiting for Arkansas Southwestern Bell.

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Margo McDaneld Downey (CSA '78) was selected Student of the Year at The Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Illinois. She attended AEB in '71 for the College Prep program and in '76 for the TSR program.

Former AEB Trainee Dies In Wisconsin

Margaret Freer, 59, a former AEB trainee died April 8 in Oconomowoc, Wis., following a long illness.

Mrs. Freer attended AEB in 1970 where she was a personal adjustment trainee. After leaving Little Rock, she returned to Wisconsin where she was active in the Badger Association for the Blind and other organizations. She also continued to do free-lance writing and published a book of poetry "Glimpses" in 1978.

Before coming to AEB, Mrs. Freer was in charge of publicity for the Memorial Hospital at Oconomowoc. She also was poetry editor of Ideals Magazine.

She was active in writers clubs and co-edited "Creative Wisconsin", a magazine which published original works of Wisconsin authors.

She is survived by a son, John Freer, Jr., of Studio, Calif., a daughter, Mrs. Jay Liggett, of South Plainfield, N.J., two brothers, Joseph Schmith, of San Diego and George Schmith, of Milwaukee, and a grandson.

Summer Work Eases Stress Of College Classes In Fall

AEB's annual summer College Prep program has begun its 19th year with 30 trainees enrolled. The program offers skills blind students need to attend college.

Dr. John Lammars, from the University of Central Arkansas, instructs trainees in spelling, grammar, and English, which may be taken for three college credit hours.

"The program gives us the very basics, so we can build on them," Debbie McEntire, 20, of Little Rock, said. "It teaches the blind student how to cope with college."

Other than the classroom work done at AEB, the trainees will attend an American history class at University of Arkansas-Little Rock and will have access to the library there.

The trainees then can first-hand experience some of the problems they will have to cope with. Such problems include: What to do when an instructor puts material on a blackboard, how to arrange to take exams, and finding readers or recorded materials for classroom assignments.

Studies have shown that 50 per cent of the persons without college prep training drop out before the end of the first year. The drop out rate for AEB College Prep students is only 14.8 per cent.

Since the first class in 1960, there have been 763 high school graduates to successfully complete this training program.

This year's program includes students from Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Connecticut, Minnesota and New Mexico, plus seven blind persons from Saudi Arabia. The Arabians have been at the rehabilitation center for several months in personal adjustment. After College Prep they will be entering American universities.

GETTING READY — Dr. John Lammars, from the University of Central Arkansas, wo[illegible] with Debbie McEntire, a college prep trainee at AEB. The program offers basic skills and college classroom observation to lay the foundation for college entry.

NEW OFFICERS — New officers for the Arkansas Lions State Sight Conservation Committee are Royce Pendergrass of Hope, chairman; Einar Strand of Eureka Springs, vice-chairman; Harold Plank of Horseshoe Bend, secretary; and Freddie Joyce of Searcy, treasurer. The group will hold the Sight Forum on August 26 at AEB.

32nd TSR Course Graduates Seven

AEB's thirty-second Taxpayer Service Representative (TSR) class graduated in June. There were seven graduates, three of which have already received appointments in Internal Revenue Service offices.

Kathryn Afarian of San Angelo, Tx., has received an appointment in Houston; Cornelius Ashworth of High Point, N.C., has been appointed to the Greensboro, N.C. IRS office; and Anthony Rock of Hubbard, Ohio, has an appointment in Houston.

Other class members were Denni[illegible] Brady of Portsmouth, R.I., Rand[illegible] Formenti of Lansing, Mich., Sandra Gryskiwicz of Milwaukee, Wis., and Destene Hammond of Ventura, Calif.

The latest class brings to 212 the number of graduates since the program began in 1967.

Ziegler Magazine Available For Blind

The Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind, a general-interest publication, is available free of charge to all legally blind persons.

The magazine offers blind persons much the same variety of information and entertainment as is available to sighted persons. It features articles reprinted from newspapers and magazines, book excerpts, short fiction, poetry and humor, and also provides news and information of particular interest to blind persons.

Anyone wishing either the braille or recorded editions of the magazine should contact:

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New York, NY 10011
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Circus Treats Trainees To Day Under Big Top

Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus entertained 50 trainees from AEB and the Arkansas School for the Blind June 19 as part of the annual promotion by radio station KKYK and the circus. This was the second year the station has sponsored the outing.

The trainees were accompanied by sighted guides which were provided by the station. The guides were given a mobility demonstration at AEB so they could assist their blind companion in navigating the steps and stands in Barton Coliseum.

The circus provided the matinee entertainment free of charge. To aid the trainees in their enjoyment, it also provided braille programs.

The trainees were allowed to go down to the floor of the coliseum where circus personnel let them pet an elephant, a llama, and a horse. Clowns demonstrated their antics and let the trainees feel of their fake bald heads, hair, putty noses and oversized shoes.

Dates for Lions

Here are some dates Arkansas Lions will want to remember:

Aug. 25	Visiting District Governors Day at AEB with International President Lloyd Morgan of New Zealand
Aug. 26	Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Forum
Sept. 9	Fall Conference, District N at Forrest City with International Director Arne G. Peterson
Sept. 16	Fall Conference, District S at Little Rock with International Director Shizmo Onishi
Sept. 21-23	USA FORUM, Bloomington, Minn.
Oct. 7	Fall Conference, District I at Russellville with International Director Dr. Bud Danycheck
Oct. 12-13	Fall Conference, District L at Hot Springs with International Director Dennis A. Greyvensteyn
Nov. 4	Fall Conference, District O at Jonesboro with International Director Richard A. Folk
Jan. 26-27	Mid Winter Conference, Conway with Second Vice-President Kay Murakami
May 2-4	State Convention, Hot Springs with Third Vice-President Everett J. Grindstaff.

ESTEEMED VISITOR — AEB is frequently visited by individuals who have given many years of their life to work with the blind, and are recognized leaders in their field. Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld of Berkeley, Calif., [right] is no exception. He is retired superintendent of the California State School for the Blind and is author of numerous books on education of blind children. AEB staffer Debbie Waller explained AEB's work sample program to him.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Mrs. Oma Louise McCulley Bird by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Mrs. Evelyn Lindley by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seay
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AEB Outlines Referral Guidelines

A question frequently asked of AEB staff members is, "How can I refer someone to the rehabilitation center?" It seems more and more local Lions Clubs are involved with individuals seeking personal adjustment training. AEB is happy the Lions are knowledgeable enough concerning the rehabilitation center to share with the blind in their community.

However, the Lions sometimes need assistance. Below is AEB's official statement on referrals to the rehabilitation center.

A. "The majority of referrals to AEB are made by state rehabilitation counselors working with their clients. These referrals are made if the counselor feels there is a possibility the client would benefit from training available at the rehabilitation center. AEB evaluates the trainee to determine the exact type of training needed and estimate the time required for this training. The state agency involved generally pays the training cost.

"Cost per personal adjustment train at AEB is $1,725 for one month. AEB bills the sponsoring state rehabilitation agency $1,350. The difference, $375 for room and board, is provided by AEB through its support from Lions Clubs and other sources.

B. "Other referrals are accepted by AEB. Either Lions, relatives, doctors, nurses, interested friends, employers or other interested groups can refer an individual to AEB. In such cases, AEB's field representative or other staff member will visit the blind person in his home. AEB will coordinate with the state agency counselor in the area to determine if the person is eligible for state assistance in attending AEB. Other sources of funds are available if state aid is unattainable. These include scholarships from International Services for the Blind, local Lions Clubs, the trainee's personal funds, or a combination of several methods. The cost is the same as described in A.

"No one has ever been denied service at AEB because of lack of funds. Ways and means have always been found to meet the needs of the blind or visually impaired."

Any Lion or Lions Club should contact AEB when they learn of a blind person in their community. AEB knows the rehabilitation counselors to contact. Working through AEB and the state agency serving the blind, Lions everywhere can be a stronger force in providing personal adjustment or vocational training for the blind of their community.

For referrals to AEB—

Client's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

My Name _____ Telephone _____

I will-won't go with an AEB staff member to contact the individual.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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INDUSTRY SITE — Lynnda Jones, industry awareness project coordinator, listens to questions from supervisors at Champion Parts Rebuilders in Hope.

Industry Project Gets Underway

The AEB staff personnel for the industry awareness (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) grant project took their program to two southwest industries last month — B & L Trucking Co. in DeQueen and Champion Parts Rebuilders in Hope — the first in a series of seminars to be held at industries throughout the state.

Conducted in the form of an informal workshop, the seminar at Hope was representative of the format future workshops will take.

The project, called "Operation Awareness," is to make industries aware of the opportunities of hiring blind, deaf and other handicapped persons. It is being funded by a $77,222 CETA grant.

At Hope, Lynnda Jones, project coordinator, presented an overview of employment of the handicapped, also discussing the Rehabilitation Act, the Revenue and Energy Act and the CETA Job Placement Incentive Program.

Champion Parts Rebuilders is an industry in which employees rebuild automotive parts. It also serves as a parts warehouse. The supervisors in the various departments attended the workshop, expressing an interest in what jobs handicapped persons would be able to perform in their areas. Two films on the handicapped are a part of the seminar: "A Different Approach" and "I Can Do It Myself." A videotape made at AEB demonstrates the various aids and equipment which have made more career avenues available to the blind.

Emmett Albea, also on the project staff, conducted a walk-through tour of the plant at Hope, pointing out possible jobs which the handicapped could perform. Otto Turner, another counselor, met in small group sessions with the supervisors to discuss personal questions they had.

The next industrial workshop site is at Strongberg-Carlson in Camden on December 11. At least 50 industries throughout Arkansas will be visited during the grant year.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Betty Beebe (1965) is currently a housewife living in Manchester, Tenn. She has taught an adult education class for the visually impaired in Coffee County for the last eight years, and recently sent a contribution to the center from the class in memory of a class member's brother. In her letter, Mrs. Beebe said hello to all her old friends and acquaintances at AEB and had this to say about the center: "I was in training at AEB for six months in 1965 and feel that my six months there at the center was most valuable to me and to my family. I can't begin to tell you how much the center has helped me and how much my training there has meant to me over the years."

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Olimpia Martinez (1969) recently completed two years of employment by the Title VI CETA program in Aztec, N.M. She is now brushing up on her typing skills in hopes of being qualified for a state or county job.

Meadows Added To AEB Staff

Paula Meadows, 27, has joined the AEB staff as job placement specialist. She was previously employed as a job developer at Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC). She succeeds Patti Kent.

A 1974 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where she received a BA degree in psychology, Meadows has also had experience as an administrative assistant to the Governor's Advocate for the Handicapped program during the Pryor administration and as a counselor and placement coordinator for Goodwill Industries.

Concerning her work at AEB, Meadows said: "It's exciting to have the opportunity to contribute to the education of industry in regard to hiring the handicapped. Lack of knowledge is the greatest barrier in the employment of the handicapped."

Paula Meadows

She has lived in Little Rock for about six years and has a son, Chas, who is 3½. Her interests include photography and antiques.

Under the Blindfold

District 7 Lions Club presidents gathered at AEB Nov. 3 for President's Day, a Saturday set aside to give the leaders a comprehensive look at the rehabilitation center's facilities.

Presiding at the event were District Governor Milt Brummer and AEB President Bob Moore. In the morning, the presidents heard an overview of AEB projects by AEB Executive Director Howard Hanson and staff members Debbie Waller and Marion Madison.

In the afternoon, they worked under the blindfold in areas of mobility, workshop, personal management and communication skills. Jim Cordell, AEB assistant executive director, answered questions after the blindfold exercises.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Bald Knob Lions Club members, who collected $412 in their White Cane effort recently, recalled one incident which reveals the public concern for worthwhile fund-raising campaigns.

An interstate truck driver, noticing out of the corner of his eye the White Cane sign being waved by their club, stopped his rig about a block and a half away. He then walked back and dropped a bill in the pot and left without identifying himself.

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The various methods of raising money for club projects are endless. Just recently, the Cherokee Village Lions Club found a successful method — a flea market which netted them more than $500. The Lady Lions also participated in the project to sell items donated by numerous individuals.

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The Imboden Lions Club had a good turnout last month for a public screening for glaucoma at the Imboden Community Center. There were 103 persons tested, and five of the tests were positive, a higher percentage than in the program conducted a year ago.

Presidents of the three Lions Clubs in Camden were on hand November 6 at Camden's First National Bank when the clubs celebrated Lions Community Bank Day. The Camden Noon Lions Club, Evening Lions Club and East Camden Lions Club set up a display at the bank telling of the Lions work through AEB and making the public aware of the role of Lions around the world.

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Food sales were up this year at the 1979 Bella Vista Arts and Crafts Festival, a fact which will directly benefit the blind and visually handicapped. The Bentonville-Bella Vista Lions Club operated the food concessions, this year reporting sales of about $5,200. Fred Smith, club president, said most of the money will be contributed to AEB and the Eye and Kidney Bank.

Radio Group Begins Ground-Level Plans

The newly formed Arkansas Radio Reading Service last month took one step closer to establishing a radio reading service for the blind in the state at a conference held at the Arkansas School for the Blind.

The meeting was held November 4 to explore ideas about methods of establishing such a service, and speakers included persons from other states who are involved with successful radio reading services.

Roy Kumpe, retired AEB executive director, is the president of the reading service organization and Dick Seifert of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired is program chairman.

Speakers included Phillip Hess, radio reading services specialist for the American Foundation for the Blind in New York; Travis Harris, director of Oklahoma Visual Services in Oklahoma City; Ruth Hill, director of Radio Reading Services in Dallas, Tex.; and Lee Reeves, manager of KETS-TV.

Give a gift this Christmas that gives again —

a Memorial Contribution to AEB.

Age, Blindness Won't Stop Grace

To Grace Edwards, age is a state of mind. So is blindness.

At 71, a youthful mind meshed with an independent living style led Mrs. Edwards to come to the AEB Rehabilitation Center.

Still very active in her hometown of Blytheville, she wanted to receive personal adjustment training to allow her to continue volunteer work at the local hospital and nursing home and activities with her church, the First United Methodist Church of Blytheville.

Mrs. Edwards has experienced deterioration of the retina in both of her eyes for the past 17 years, but it was not until four years ago that she lost her sight almost completely.

Several months ago, Grace called Johnny Buchanan, at that time president of the Blytheville Lions Club, to get some information on agencies which work with the blind. Expecting to get addresses of agencies, she was surprised to find that Buchanan asked her if she had some time for him to tell her about AEB. Grace, impressed with his personal concern, recalled: "He really told me some magic things about the center."

About four months ago Mrs. Edwards found herself at AEB learning those things — white cane and other traveling techniques, braille and home management tips.

"I live alone and I wanted to stay independent," Mrs. Edwards explained before she left the center in November. "I gained a lot more at AEB than I really expected to. I've taken advantage of everything."

Since she cannot read even large print, Mrs. Edwards learned Grade One braille for basic reading and communication. She particularly enjoyed the craft class and plans to continue her projects at home.

The social contact with the young people at the center has also been important to her. "I do everything they do — go to concerts, plays, dinner. Swimming and dancing I leave off, though."

Grace, with her grandmotherly warmth and pleasant disposition, remarked about her positive attitude: "For one thing, I grew up an orphan and stayed in foster homes. I guess I learned to accept everything that came along."

Commenting on her blindness, she said: "I had my sight and watched my children grow up. Why should I be bitter? I have a lot to be thankful for. I have 12 grandchildren who are like icing on the cake."

Grace Edwards

Grace spent 40 years working in and out of hospitals as a nurse's aide in between raising her children.

After she retired, she didn't quit, but continued to do volunteer work. "When I get home I have plans you wouldn't believe," Grace said. "I'm going to continue my volunteer work, and I think I'd like to travel some."

Little Rock has been the farthest she has lived from Blytheville, having lived within a 30-mile radius of Blytheville all her life.

ART WORK — Gustavo Adolfo, a former AEB trainee from Venezuela, displays the sculpture he carved in the UALR Sculpture for the Blind course.

Three Complete Sculpture Class At University

The three AEB trainees — George Medina, Gustavo Adolfo Mujica and Kay Sapp — who enrolled in the Sculpture for the Blind course offered by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock completed the course this fall with a new appreciation for the art.

Gustavo, who comes to AEB from Venezuela for personal adjustment training, explained that carving in stone is much more difficult than it looks.

Their works, along with sculpture pieces by the other five class members, were on display October 8 through 12 in the Fine Arts Building at UALR.

The class was taught by Horace Farlowe, a Greensboro, N.C., stone carver, through the UALR Fine Arts Department sculpture division. It was funded by a Donaghey Innovative Teaching Grant.

The students worked for 10 sessions and on their own time with large blocks of alabaster, a soft stone which can be carved with a rasp as well as chipped. The sculpture was designed to be touched, and braille information plates described the works at the exhibit.

According to Farlowe, this was likely one of the first sculpture classes for blind and visually impaired people who aren't art majors.

Blind Society Reports Victory

The Minneapolis Society for the Blind last month withstood a take-over attempt by the National Federation of the Blind during a special election ordered by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

With the help of proxy votes cast by some of AEB's staff and board members, all six of the society's former officers were re-elected, as were 16 of its former directors. Eight people nominated by NFB won seats on the board.

About 24,000 persons across the country paid $1 each to join the society after the state supreme court ordered a special membership meeting to elect the board of directors. About 13,000 proxy votes were cast by NFB.

The federation, a non-accredited, non-profit organization, had fought for more than seven years to win board representation to influence the society's rehabilitation and sheltered work programs.

Report Mailing Soon

AEB's annual report for the 1979 fiscal year will be released on December 19. They will be mailed out to supporters and the news media.

The 12-page report, using the theme of "Hands That See," will be available to Lions at the Mid-Winter Conference in Conway.

Kurzweil Reading Machine To Arrive

AEB has been notified that a new Kurzweil Reading Machine, Model 3, has been approved for placement at the center.

The machine will arrive sometime next spring as a joint project for the Arkansas School for the Blind and AEB. The Bureau of Education of the Handicapped is funding the project.

The new model, about one-third the size of the current model, will be able to read faster and have clearer speech. It will also have a calculator attachment.

New Dollar: Is Change Worth It?

Suffragette Susan B. Anthony was probably never examined so closely until this year when she appeared on the newly issued dollar coin.

Casey Christenberry, instructor of AEB's Communicative Techniques class, said trainees have discovered that the flip side of the coin, which bears an eagle, is easier to identify by touch. The head and wing span of the eagle have a distinctive ridge easily determined by feel, she pointed out.

The dollar is slightly larger than the quarter, and Ms. Christenberry said size also is an identification factor. However, most blind persons are opposed to using it because they are afraid of mistaking it for a quarter. Except in her class, most of the trainees haven't handled the coin very often, she said.

Mike Moriority, assistant vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Little Rock, said overall acceptance of the coin has been limited for several reasons. Many people merely don't like change (no pun intended), others claim it's too close in size to the quarter and cashiers say there is no more room in their cash register drawers. He has even heard complaints that the coin isn't attractive or that some men don't like it because it bears a female's profile.

Moriority, however, said the Treasury Department is hopeful that the coin will gain popularity. Made largely of copper and nickel, the coin's life of circulation is estimated at 15 years, whereas the paper dollar bill's life is only 13 months. Both cost about 1¼ cents each to manufacture.

The Treasury Department made several studies before deciding on issuing a dollar coin, and Congress voted on the face for the coin. "They were trying to hit a popular size," Moriority said. "It's somewhere in the middle range between the quarter and half dollar."

The decorative border was put on the edge specifically for the blind, he said.

Will the new dollar go the way of the Eisenhower silver dollar which is no longer being circulated? Moriority has heard that prediction, along with the contention that it will gain in popularity.

As someone stated, "The Susan B. Anthony dollar presents a new challenge, which the crusader for women's right to vote probably never envisioned."

Gail Huecker

Huecker Addresses Center Luncheon

Gail Huecker, executive director of the state Department of Human Services, was the guest speaker November 7 at a staff and trainee luncheon at AEB.

Ms. Huecker, new to her position, outlined her objectives in the department. She was highly complimentary of what has been accomplished in the area of blindness in Arkansas, having already talked at length with Roy Kumpe, AEB's founder and former executive director, and Billie Elder, AEB field consultant.

Also on hand were Gary Hogan, KTHV's sports director, Van Jolly of KARN radio station, and Ted Snider of the Snider Corporation. They presented Howard Hanson with a check for $225, the proceeds from a charity basketball game between KARN and KKYK radio stations versus KTHV-TV.

Holiday

By Johnette Weiss

Here it is, holiday time again,
So let's share the good time with our family and friends;
Although the weather is cold outside, it's cozy and warm within,
Let's relax and permit the parties and festivities to begin.

Here it is, holiday time again,
Let's all gather around the piano to sing Christmas songs;
We will wrap pretty presents in their papers and ribbons so long,
With the ham baked, the turkey roasted, and the cookies made, nothing can go wrong.

Here it is, holiday time again,
The children are running and laughing as they play in the snow;
Everyone is scurrying about with so many places to go,
And best of all, we give thanks to the Christ child who was born so many years ago.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Robert W. Goodwin by Miss Michele Boulter
Mrs. Ossie Simonds by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tracy
Howard Cruce by John L. Sadler, Sr.
Leon Johnston by Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Johnston
Dowen Moody by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McClung, Duane Balentine
Emil B. Orlicek by Robert Sakon
Mrs. Lois Fulk by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Peter Pelizzari by Julius R. Feinberg
Mrs. Martha Sanford by Hope Lioness Club
Mrs. J. R. Marshall by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen
Mrs. Pearl Mang by Conway Evening Lions Club
Frank Wills by Ms. Cynthia Keaton and Mrs. Louise Keaton
Mrs. Mary Nell Moseley by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. J. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Scott
Lucille Milner by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Mrs. Robert C. Trimble, Sr. by Miss Lila Lampkin, Ms. Mildred Lorince and Ms. Allagean Lorince
Tim Schroepfer by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Mary Jem DeSalvo by Mrs. Dorothy Whitacre
Mrs. Buddy Dutcher by Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson, Mrs. Evelyn Chenault, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hirscheider
Mrs. Curtis Howard by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gershner
Dr. Roy Dunn by Dr. and Mrs. Dan Ryder, Dr. Ernest King
Alf Herron by Mr. and Mrs. Lenual Autry
Ms. Anna Bell Lawrence by Mr. and Mrs. Lenual Autry, Mr. and Mrs. Prince
Jim Nolan by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Young
L. E. Fortenberry by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Young
Tracy W. Finn by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Young
Jim Nichols by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Young
James E. Sloan by Mrs. Frank Armstrong
Mrs. Emma H. Carlson by Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Morley
Sheldon Nelson by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walton
B. D. Mabry by Ashdown Lions Club
James Ellison Carmichael by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hunt
Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Buffington by Magnolia Lions Club
Mrs. Grace Slaughter by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore
Scott Towson by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tomlinson
Norman L. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley
Mrs. Tennie A. Newton by Hot Springs Life Member Club of Telephone Pioneers of America
Rev. James Linam by Waldron Lions Club
John D. Ing by Coffee County Tennessee Adult Class for Visually Limited
Clarence B. Huey by Miss Lila Lampkin
William B. Rudy by Imboden Lions Club
George Crumbley Sr. by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Catherine Hidy by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Ms. Galyn Nesbitt by J. Darrell Nesbitt
Mrs. John Schick by Mr. and Mrs. Anthel Marlin
Mrs. Charles Adkins by Mr. and Mrs. Anthel Marlin, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Fowler
Will Hoyt Denson by Miss Mildred McCulloch, Miss Lila Lampkin, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Borel
Jim Sloan by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
Dalton Hutchison by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
Maurice Rubenstein by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
Mrs. Della Lawhon by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gill
Mrs. Clyde Owens by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
William A. Dodd by Mickey A. Jared

GET WELL

Miss Ann Kelly by Miss Lila Lampkin
E. G. Levy by Mr. and Mrs. Sol Levy
Owen Curry by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
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Broussard Honored

A joint resolution passed by the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate commends Vernon J. Broussard for his 35 years of service to the state of Louisiana and its citizens, especially those who are blind.

Broussard is chairman of the AEB Service Advisory Council. His strong support of the rehabilitation center and its programs have resulted in hundreds of Louisianans receiving services at AEB.

He retired June 29, 1979, as director of the Louisiana Services for the Blind.

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Committee Looks At Future Services

Possible services that AEB could be called on to give the blind and visually impaired are being examined by a special committee President Bob Moore recently appointed.

The committee includes J. M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind, chairman; Louis Rives, administrator, Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Roy Kumpe, president, International Services for the Blind, Edward G. Barry Sr., past president Lions Clubs International; and Howard H. Hanson, executive director, AEB.

President Moore charged the committee with determining future needs of the blind that might affect the rehabilitation center's expansion plans.

Newsletter Year Older

This issue begins the 26th year of publication of **New Life**, AEB's newsletter. It was first published in May 1954. However, through the years the date for changing the volume has been moved forward until the December-January issue became the first edition of each new year.

The first newsletter was only one page. **New Life**, the name it was given in March 1955, has reflected the events occurring at AEB since that first edition.

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Did You Know Her?

Did you know her?

Did you know Suzanne Cooke?

She died in a diabetic coma a few days ago in her Little Rock apartment. Suzanne was only 30 years of age and had recently accepted another of life's cruel burdens . . . she had become blind.

Prior to her blindness, she had received her degree in education from the University of Arkansas-Monticello, taught school in the Monticello system, was named the first teacher for the Sesame School here (Monticello) and taught at Drew Central. She was studying diabetic education and research at the UA Medical Center in Little Rock before being dismissed because of her blindness . . . caused by the diabetes.

When this young woman lost her sight, instead of folding into a shell of self pity, she entered the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and became a counselor there for diabetics . . . because she knew something about their suffering and wanted to help give them a better life.

Suzanne epitomized courage, optimism and a loving concern for those around her . . . in spite of life's staggering handicaps. For those who knew her here and were fortunate enough to have her touch their lives, words fail. Warm, caring, sacrificing . . . a truly good human being, Suzanne Cooke gave more in the time she had than most of us will be willing to give in lifetimes measuring more decades than she lived.

If you didn't know her . . . you missed a rich experience.

(reprinted from the Advance Monticellonian)

One of AEB's many rewards is the opportunity of knowing and working with someone like Suzanne Cooke. We knew her at AEB and were happy to call her a friend and a fellow worker with the blind.

Suzanne was proud of her training at AEB and greatly appreciated the Lions' role that made it possible. She truly cared for others and gladly gave of her time to assist those at AEB suffering with diabetes. Suzanne wanted the folks in Monticello to know about AEB and arranged several programs for staff members with local service clubs — including the Monticello Lions.

Her absence will be felt. There will be many benefiting from her work who will never know her. Yet those who did could not help but receive a boost from her courage, compassion, sharing; they will have a richer life.

Energy Conservation

"Waste not, want not."

Good, solid, sound puritan advice, or did that come from Ol' Ben Franklin?

No matter, it's the "thought that counts." AEB staff members and administration are doing more than thinking about saving energy. Many are doing something about it.

Carpooling is one visible method. Approximately 28 staffers are sharing rides, putting only 11 cars on the road, burning gasoline, instead of 28. Bus transportation is again popular for those who can use it.

Trips downtown are less frequent and more than one errand run each time. Heat has been turned down, and last summer less air conditioning was used. Lights not needed for work or instruction are turned off.

While the savings may be small compared to larger companies, the wasting has stopped at AEB and all are sharing the discomfort it may cause, if any. That's the American way.

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Facing a new decade should mean new directions, and an evaluation of the old ones. One of the directions being taken in 1980 at AEB, "Operation Awareness," capitalizes on the old idea that employment isn't only for the sighted. Operation Awareness is a $77,000 grant project designed to make industries aware of the opportunities of hiring the blind and other handicapped persons. On the cover, Emmett Albea of the project staff takes a walk-through tour of a Hope industry with the plant manager, pointing out jobs which could be performed by the handicapped.

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Career Highlight Working With Trainees

Otto Turner, coordinator of adjustment services at AEB, retired last month after 13 years of directing the psychosocial program at the center.

He is still working part time at AEB on the staff of the Industry Awareness grant project.

Turner first came to the center as chief of psychosocial services in 1967 and served in that capacity until three years ago when a reorganization at AEB brought about the coordinator system of responsibility.

"I think the thing I enjoyed most was working with individual trainees in counseling," Turner said of his work. "One of the most satisfying things in the rehabilitation process is the opportunity to see change in (trainee) attitudes as they gain skills."

Over the years, the gradual increase in the direction of the vocational program has been the greatest individual change he has observed at AEB. "The success will mean in the future more emphasis in this area," he predicted.

Turner said many rehabilitation centers for the blind across the country have patterned their psychosocial services after AEB's program.

"I think the biggest objective here is to give the people a feeling of self worth and confidence in themselves so that they can be competitive and employed," he said.

A graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway with a degree in agriculture, Turner taught high school at Conway and Augusta until he was involved in a hunting accident at age 31 which resulted in blindness.

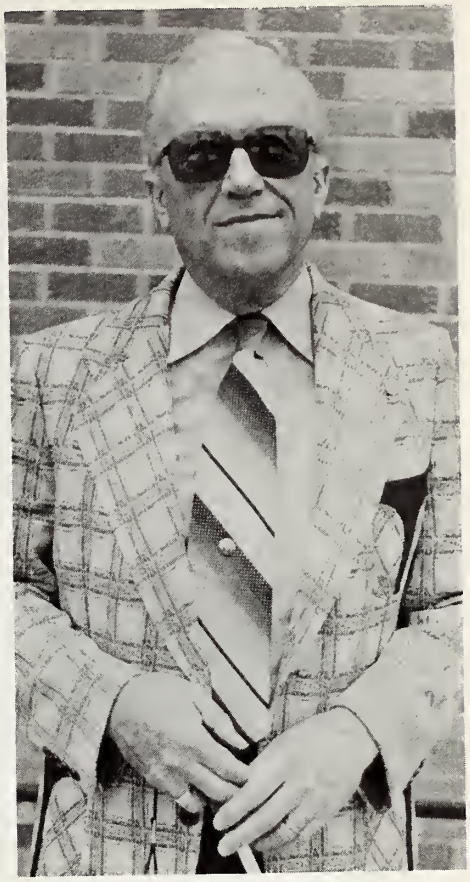
He then attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, receiving a master's degree and diploma of advanced study in guidance and counseling. This training qualified him to become a counselor at Conway High School, a position he held until he came to AEB.

While a counselor at Conway, Turner served on AEB's Board of Directors for six years. He is a charter member of the Conway Noon Lions Club, and a member of the Oak Forest Lions Club. He reports 27 ½ years of perfect attendance as a Lion.

Turner also serves on the Advisory Committee for Implementation of Act 94142, a committee of the Department of Education for implementing the mainstreaming of handicapped people into Arkansas schools.

He is a member of the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association, the American Association of Workers for the Blind and Immanuel Baptist Church.

Along with working part-time at the center, Turner is also in the process of applying for a professional counselor's license, with plans to work in this area. He intends to expand his workshop at his home to accommodate increased business in furniture refinishing. A garden is another project on his list.



Otto Turner

Amy Pais

Pais Promoted To Coordinator

Amy Pais, AEB's senior counselor in charge of the psychosocial services, has been promoted to the position of coordinator of adjustment services.

She joined the staff 12 years ago as a counselor. Her new responsibilities will include the areas of psychological counseling, deaf-blind services, speech therapy and low vision services.

A graduate of Bryant High School, Mrs. Pais received a BS degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor and is active in the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the American Council of the Blind.

"Working in a center such as AEB where people from all over the world come for training is exciting, stimulating and very challenging," Mrs. Pais said of her job. "I love my work and I love people, and with this new position I sincerely hope to be able to give even more to others."

Braille Menus Offered

McDonald's restaurants across the country now have available braille menus, which are available upon the request of the customer.

The placement of the menus was in cooperation with the American Council of the Blind in Washington, D.C.

Dunlap New Council Head

Jerry Dunlap's theory that life patterns out in circles proved true for him in December when he was elected chairman of the AEB Service Advisory Council for 1980.

"I feel some completeness in coming back to AEB," said Dunlap, a former trainee who is now assistant director of the Oklahoma Division of Visual Services, Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services. He also serves as the national president of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Dunlap, 41, succeeds Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, La., retired administrator of Louisiana Blind Services Program, who served as chairman for the past eight years.

Blinded by accident at the age of 18, Dunlap was the first person to come to AEB for training directly from the hospital. He arrived six weeks after his accident for four months of personal adjustment training in 1953.

Except for the hitching post, Dunlap said the current facilities have no resemblance to the original training building, the old Brack home. "We ate, slept, lived and trained there," he said. It was a time when there were only 17 or 18 trainees and about a dozen staff members. "We literally were a family unit."

After his training, he attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving a bachelor's degree in social studies. In 1959 he earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Texas Tech.

Dunlap began his work for Visual Services in Oklahoma City as a rehabilitation counselor. Seven years later he was appointed a supervisor, and in 1968 he was promoted to assistant director.

He founded the state chapter of AAWB in 1969 in Oklahoma and served as chapter president. He has also served on the Board of Directors and as treasurer for AAWB.

In addition, Dunlap is a life member of the National Rehabilitation Association, on the Board of Trustees for the American Foundation for the Blind, an executive committee member of the World Council Welfare for the Blind, and on the board of both the Oklahoma League for the Blind and the Affiliation Leadership League of and for the Blind.

Jerry Dunlap

FIRST SNOW — Little Rock's first snow didn't deter classes in orientation and mobility at AEB. As usual, the trainees loaded into the van and headed to University Mall for training there. Luckily, the snow melted as it hit the ground and traffic wasn't hazardous.

Council Hears Rehab Forecast

AEB hosted its 31st Service Advisory Council meeting on December 10 and 11, with the council electing Jerry Dunlap of Oklahoma City as the chairman.

Representatives from 12 states, from state agencies, counselors and consumer groups, gathered for the two-day meeting. Their purpose was to suggest programs for AEB, to comment on areas now being covered and to promote better coverage of programs that might not be meeting the needs of the blind.

SAC, AEB's method of hearing from its consumers, made numerous proposals for the rehabilitation center to improve its services.

George Magers, retired assistant director of the federal Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, was on hand as a special consultant. Magers was last year's recipient of the Migel Medal awarded by the American Foundation for the Blind.

He shared with the council some of his predictions for the upcoming years in the field of rehabilitation of the blind.

"We're going to have to put together packages," he said. "If we don't, the larger, so-called umbrella organizations are going to swallow us up. We're going to have to develop some real bureaucracies of our own. It's going to be fierce."

Agencies during the 1980s and 90s are going to have to double the availability of rehabilitation teachers, he predicted.

The population is gradually becoming older, and there is a decline in the number of blind children, he said. "Since blindness is a factor of aging, that's where blindness is going to be."

In the vocational area, Magers speculated that there will be a greater concentration in the private sector for jobs in business and industry. Rather than dismissing employees because of loss of sight, Magers said more employers will retain blind persons or move them into other jobs they can perform.

It is his hope in the future that vocational training programs be integrated with other training programs. "I would hope that Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind will gradually relinquish vocational training to the world of the sighted."

AEB's role, he indicated, would be to prepare the blind to enter vocational training.

Magers also expects relatively simple technology to take preference over high technology, and anticipates methods of teaching the blind, such as in the area of braille, to undergo a drastic change.

COFFEE BREAK — AEB's Executive Director Howard Hanson, left, and Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, La., talk over matters during a coffee break between speakers at the Service Advisory Council meeting on December 11. Broussard, who served as the council's chairman for the past eight years, treated the group with pecan pie — pecans Broussard picked and shelled from his tree and pie his wife made.

Park Publication Selected For Braille

A National Park Service publication has been selected by the Library of Congress as the subject of its first voice-indexed cassette presentation.

The book, "Access National Parks: A guide for Handicapped Visitors," was selected by the Library of Congress immediately upon publication in 1978 for production of both braille and talking-book editions by the Library's National Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The book details accessible facilities, services and programs in all parks and monuments within the National Park System.

NRIC Newsletter Available For Blind

The National Rehabilitation Information Center is now publishing its newsletter, The Pathfinder, in braille. The first issue, May-June 1979, is available in braille or print from the center. The newsletter is printed six times each year as a means to share information on the services, resources, new technology, problems and solutions of NRIC and other information providers in rehabilitation.

Subscriptions to the brailled edition are $5 per year. For a free introductory copy, write the center at: The National Rehabilitation Information Center, 8th and Varnum Sts., N.E., The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Alumni Report

Alexander Shepherd (1965) of Indianapolis, Ind., is employed as a secretary to the First Love Baptist Organization.

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Theresa Parker (College Prep 1978) entered Evangel College in Springfield, Mo., last semester as a psychology major and Bible minor. After graduation, she hopes to be a counselor and a missionary.

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As the holidays were approaching in December, greeting cards began to line the tables and all available space in Mrs. Mac's (Robertine McCaffrey) apartment in Pinkerton Hall. Most of them were holiday wishes from former trainees. Mrs. Mac, AEB housing supervisor, shares some of the news from her cards:

T. Ray Dickinson (1976) and his wife, Josephine (1976), moved to Corning, Iowa, last summer. They became the parents of a son, Timothy Ray, on November 17, 1979.

Bob Fuller (1967) reports that one of his twins was married last summer and the other one graduated from college on December 22. He and his wife are still working for Eastman in Longview, Texas.

Louise Braden (1969) of Chattanooga, Tenn., asked Mrs. Mac to tell everybody hello and said she would like to hear from everyone at AEB. She sends her address as 3815 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, 37406.

Father Bill Farrell (1979) is recuperating from a mild stroke he had recently. At Christmas, he sent a Christmas letter to his friends, explaining that during his training at AEB last year he had "begun to read braille and discover many new and old things that my blindness had hidden from me. I began new and lasting friendships in a new part of the country for me." His hospital address is Father F. R. Farrell, O.P., St. Dominic Prioy, P.O. Box 24040, New Orleans, LA 70184.

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Tom Cottrell (1977), writing to Jim Davis during the holidays, said he worked 11 full months for IRS in Cleveland, Ohio, last year "and things look even greater for '80." Cottrell and his wife Serena composed an informative Christmas poem to send their friends, telling of the highlights of their year.

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Donald E. Mead (1971) was one of three persons who received the coveted John E. Foley Memorial Award during a federal awards ceremony in New York recently.

Mead, who works for the Internal Revenue Service in Buffalo, NY, was presented the Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year award for his job performance and contribution to the community through volunteer service.

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Richard Fiorello (TSR 1974) has been promoted to a TSS position at the IRS office in Buffalo, N.Y. He and his wife Karlene (Haingray, TSR 1969) are the parents of a son, Joel Mark, born December 24, 1979.

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Diane Alexander (1978) has been hired as switchboard operator-receptionist for the Arkansas Department of Energy. She moved from a CETA job to a full-time position.

Ancestry Search

Disabled persons who need assistance in tracing their ancestry may turn to the Genealogical Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 15 Dunwoody Park, Suite 130, Atlanta, GA 30338.

Center Psychiatrist Appointed To Post

Dr. W. Payton Kolb, a Little Rock psychiatrist and AEB's consulting psychiatrist, has been appointed chief of staff at the Baptist Medical Center.

A clinical professor at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Campus, Dr. Kolb was the recent recipient of the first Meritorious Service Award presented by the Arkansas Psychiatric Society.

AEB Staffer Author of Words On Record Played For Pope

Billie Elder, field consultant at AEB who writes poetry, is the author of the words of two songs which have been recorded. The record is being promoted in various areas of the country, including the East Coast and Chicago.

One of the songs, "Pledge Shalom," was played at a reception for Pope John Paul II when he was visiting the U.S., since it carried the message of peace.

Ramon Tonelli, a legally blind artist from Worchester, Mass., wrote the music to the words. He sings and accompanies himself on the guitar for the recording. Tonelli, who developed the concept of Touch Color, is a friend of Mrs. Elder, who is also blind. He demonstrated Touch Color last spring at the Arkansas Arts Center, AEB and the Arkansas School for the Blind.

While he was in Little Rock, he read some of Mrs. Elder's poetry and particularly enjoyed "Shalom," a poem she had sent to friends last year for Christmas.

The flip side of the record is "The Death of Little Bear," a statement against killing and war.

Tonelli and his friends, who provided the background music, made the recording in the Boston area.

The folk-style tunes, dedicated to the Peace Movement, were a contribution from the blind people of the nation to the Pope's visit, Mrs. Elder said.

The record bears the label Translite and is available from Mrs. Elder at AEB.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

The Morrilton Lions Club celebrated its 33rd anniversary in late November with Ladies Night held at Riverfront Wharf near Toadsuck. Club President Jim Wilcox was master of ceremonies at the event. Rev. John Miles, pastor of St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock, was the guest speaker who addressed the topic, "The Year of the Child."

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The DeQueen Lions Club is off to a successful year so far, according to Club Bulletin Editor Bob Nason. He reports that the annual auction netted more than $3,200, and the recent annual Birthday Calendar project produced just under $1,000. The Sight Conservation Committee has been responsible for the examination of the eyes of all children in the DeQueen School System grades K through 6. The club has pledged $30 a member to AEB and made a memorial gift of $100 to the center.

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When AEB President Robert L. Moore mailed his Sustaining Membership letters to Lions across the state, he didn't realize that the full text would be published as a Letter to the Editor in the Mountain Echo, Yellville's weekly newspaper. Although it was a direct appeal to Lions, the letter, reviving the theme of "Be thankful you can see," contained valuable information about AEB and its outreach to the blind. The center and the Lions are fortunate for the sounding board in the Mountain Echo.

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The Monticello Lions Club recently received a $5,000 check, a bequest from the late Maude Harris Adams, a descendant of early Drew County settlers and a frequent contributor to charities. The money is to benefit the club's work with the blind.

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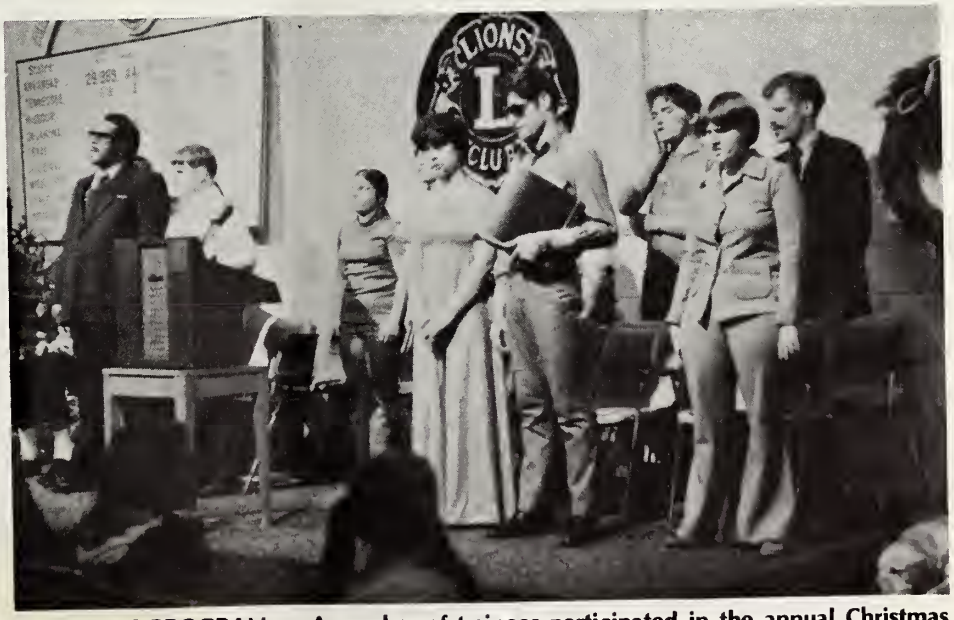
The Fayetteville Lions Club recently made public the amount of money it has raised during its 54 years of existence — $55,399 — and how the money was spent. AEB which raised more than $18,700, commends the club's disclosure and urges other clubs to do the same.

FUTURE STUDENTS — Eleven students from the Oklahoma School for the Blind, accompanied by four faculty members, came to visit AEB in December, an annual visit to acquaint the students with the College Prep program. A current student in the Computer Programmer course, Steve Ray of Kalamazoo, Mich., demonstrates some of his work on a terminal.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — A number of trainees participated in the annual Christmas party held for the blind community in the county December 19. The group sang a number of Christmas carols and gave a reading of "T'was The Night Before Christmas."

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Mrs. Margaret McCollum by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Ms. Lois Van Nuys by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair, Milo K. Bair
Robert W. Goodwin by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howard
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hulse by School Class of Pulaski Vo-Tech School, Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCloy
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Mrs. Marion Larsen by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Clarence Drago by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Floyd Bridger by Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Altus Buttry, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cowles
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Steven Craig Taylor by Miss Lila Lampkin
Mrs. Emma Magin by Mrs. Elsie Hilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cordell
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Of A Trainee

Cordell Named Acting Director

Jim Cordell, a 20-year AEB staff member, has been named acting executive director at AEB following the resignation of Howard H. Hanson. AEB board president Robert L. Moore of Little Rock made the announcement January 24.

Cordell had been the rehabilitation center's assistant executive director since 1975. He joined the staff in 1960 as a mobility instructor and later became coordinator of AEB's orientation and mobility department.

He is a native of Beebe and received degrees from Beebe Junior College (Arkansas State University - Beebe), the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a master's degree in Orientation and Mobility from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Hanson became executive director in January, 1978, following the retirement of Roy Kumpe, AEB's founder and executive director for almost 40 years. Hanson came to AEB after 28 years with the South Dakota Services for the Blind.

A search committee has begun looking for an executive director.

Teague Recognized

Lion Bill Teague of Trumann has been awarded the Edward G. Barry Sr. award for outstanding sight conservation work by an Arkansan, according to Royce Pendergrass of Hope, chairman of the Sight Conservation Committee.

The selection was made and announced at the Mid-Winter Conference in Conway. More than a dozen Arkansas Lions were nominated for the honor.

Lion Teague is being recognized for work that spans 14 years as a Lion. He has been responsible for corrective surgery for eye problems in two families. His efforts to raise local funds for sight conservation work has realized $13,500 in three years. In addition to the money, the project has involved more than 100 Lions each year. He was nominated by the Trumann Lions Club.

Jim Cordell

Annual Bulb Sale Will Begin In May

The annual spring light bulb sale will get underway beginning May 5, according to Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind.

Further details, Kumpe said, will be discussed at the annual ISB meeting on April 7.

The sale of the light bulbs, which are purchased through ISB, results in a major fund-raising event for the clubs and at the same time helps to emphasize the services available through the Arkansas Lions' two statewide projects.

Generally, a door-to-door sales technique is used, but individual clubs can decide their own method and time for the project. An estimated 72,000 bulbs will be sold in Pulaski County alone during the spring sale.

ISB annually budgets $40,000 for scholarship aid to international trainees at AEB. ISB receives the brokerage fee from the sale of the light bulbs to Lions Clubs. Currently, two international trainees are enrolled at AEB.

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Cataract is a leading cause of blindness in the U.S. today, accounting for some 76,500 cases. But people who have cataract surgery regain useful vision in more than 95 out of every 100 cases.

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On The Cover

They're women. They're men. They're intelligent. They're average. They're extroverted. They're introverted. They're attractive. They're plain.

Our trainees. They're people. We enjoy introducing them to you. On the cover are several faces of Anne Kelly, student from South Carolina who is enrolled in the computer programmer class. In class, she has one goal: She is a conscientious student who wants to get a job. Away from class, you meet a woman who is bubbling over with energy and enthusiasm.

Anne has told her story at several Lions Club meetings, but we'd like the rest of you to meet her. The article is on the next page.

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Anne Kelly —

She's On Her Way

Anne Kelly is ready, willing and anxious to get back to work.

For the Greenville native it will be for the first time since 1973. Her work was interrupted by macular degeneration — a blindness that usually takes years to develop. But for Anne the disease moved fast.

"In 1973 I learned about my eye disease for the first time," Anne recalled. "By early 1974 I could only see shadows. A gray film had enveloped my world."

Her promise of a new career, and a return to work, lies in the skills she is acquiring at AEB. Anne is enrolled in the computer programmer training program.

While Anne speaks frankly about her blindness, she is equally frank about AEB and the special role it is playing in her "new life."

"AEB will always have a special place in my heart," she said. "Blindness has robbed me of several important years, but AEB is making sure I won't be shortchanged in the job market."

Computer programmer training is one of nine vocational courses offered by AEB. Students learn four languages during the nine month course, and receive instructions in the fundamentals of system analysis. Job opportunities for graduates are excellent.

That's my "pot 'o gold" at the end of the rainbow, Anne claimed. She looks forward to returning to work after such a long absence.

"I've always worked," Anne explained, "ever since high school. Nine years was in textile work and then I worked as an assistant manager of a food convenience store."

When Anne's vision reached a point where she needed assistance, the South Carolina Commission for the Blind stepped in. Her counselor provided personal adjustment training in Columbia, S.C. After completing training, she entered Greenville Tech and earned an associate of applied science degree in human services.

"Opportunities were limited for me in human services, but my counselor suggested computer programmer training at AEB. Computers sounded exciting and I agreed to enter the program."

Just as any other vocational trainee at AEB, Anne spent one month in evaluation. This month of "extra training" helped her build up the skills she would need for computer programmer training.

After beginning the training in August, Anne lost some time due to illness. This set her completion date back to August of this year. She has encountered another problem that's slowing her training. Anne's vision continues to fail and she has now stopped using large print totally and is depending more on braille in her studies.

"There's too little time for me to worry about myself," she pointed out. "Computer training requires a lot of extra hours, plus AEB is such an interesting place. Since I've been here I've met people from almost every state and several foreign countries — Taiwan, Venezuela, Mexico, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and others. It's no wonder Lions are so proud of this place."

Although very busy, Anne admits reflecting on her blindness at times. "Sometimes there's bitterness, sometimes I ask 'why me?' but I feel I'm getting over these frustrations."

Some of her questions concern the eye disease itself. Macular degeneration is a hereditary disease, but her family has no history of the malady. Her brother has recently been told he has it and doctors tell Anne her 15-year-old son has a 50-50 chance of carrying the disease.

Anne doesn't attempt to hide the fear that knowing about the eye disease carries, but she is so confident in her future she believes she can handle anything that happens.

After all, as she pointed out, work is good therapy.

Alumni Report

Dwayne Seborne (1979), a graduate of the last Computer Programmer class, has accepted a job with Digital Systems Inc. in Little Rock as a junior programmer.

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Gary Gersten (1979) was featured in a recent issue of a Region 5 General Service Administration newsletter as the first male public assistance specialist ever to be employed in a Region 5 Federal Information Center. Gersten is employed at the Cincinnati Federal Information Center.

Linda Augustin (1979), Gersten's classmate at AEB in the last Federal Information Center Specialist class, was also featured in the publication as a new public assistance specialist in the Indianapolis FIC office. Gersten was pictured seated at a closed circuit television and Augustin was pictured at her desk.

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Jerry Swearingen (1964) has been named assistant director of Louisiana Services for the Blind.

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Laura Allman (1979) began working as a medical transcriptionist at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital on January 3.

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Carlos Mazo (1977) has established his own Advertising Service Agency at Panama City, creating the company, the systems and the forms. The company gives service to several advertising agencies, among them two important agencies in Panama. He is the advertising advisor for Air Panama International airlines in Panama, and recently conducted two sessions with the flying crew to demonstrate techniques to give assistance to blind passengers.

"I know all these are great news but I have to confess that all these things were not possible without the training I received at AEB," he wrote. "I thank God daily for the great opportunity it was to be at AEB and all the help I received from all the instructors. All the things I learned had helped me to continue working, meeting people, making plans for the future and, most of all, enjoy life together with my family."

FOR A DOLLAR — Jimmie Myers of Hot Springs, a PDG from the South Hot Springs Lions, gets an opportunity of sitting behind the wheel of a 1980 Chevrolet Caprice that's similar to the one that's top prize in the All-State band raffle. Tickets are $1. Other prizes are a 21-inch Zenith Color TV and an Amana Radarange. Proceeds are for the Arkansas All-State band trip to Lions Clubs International in Chicago. Helping Lion Jimmie make up his mind about tickets are [left] PDG Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, vice-chairman of Advertise Arkansas, and Marty Rosen of Little Rock, a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions.

Lewis Tak

New C

The inaudible laughter of Lewis Hoskins is no longer present at AEB, for he has left the center to start a new life for himself — a life which began perfectly normal in 1929, but which soon was confronted by a loss of sight and hearing.

Hoskins, who served as a teacher's aide working with persons who are deaf and blind for the past four and a half years at AEB, has accepted a job as an instructor's aide with the Helen Keller National Center in New York, a training center for deaf-blind persons. He will be performing many of the same jobs he did at AEB, only on a larger scale since the Helen Keller Center exclusively works with the deaf-blind.

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After arriving at AEB in 1974 to receive seven months of genera training and to learn the Morse Code for future employment possibilities Hoskins was asked to join the staff. He soon found himself enjoying differen roles other than that of a teacher's aide. He taught sign language to both staff members and interested trainees He made numerous appearances as the main program for Lions Clubs, workers for the deaf and blind meetings and educational groups. He trav through the Central Arkansas area to

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Jim Mowrey, deaf-blind specialist who worked with Hoskins, said he had difficulty fitting into the role of a teacher's aide and needed much direction when he first came to the center. Now, however, Mowrey said he is able to manage his teaching with little guidance. Mowrey, as other fellow workers, was taken with Lewis' keen sense of humor, which was evident whether or not one could communicate with him by sign language.

"He seems to have managed to do well with what for most of us would be a very frustrating and lonely handicap," Mowrey observed.

While at AEB, Lewis said he learned a number of personal skills — handling banking, bill writing and record keeping, handling free time situations such as dining out, and how to relate with other professionals.

Lewis became involved with the National Association of Deaf-Blind Adults, becoming an advocate for deaf-blind persons and their needs and rights. He traveled to several NADBA meetings and was a part of a group which established the organization's constitution.

"He seems to have managed to do well with what to most of us would be a very frustrating and lonely handicap."

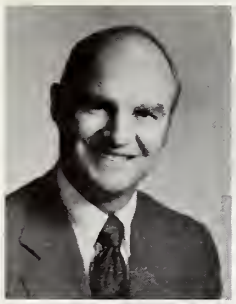
One of the major problems encountered by deaf-blind persons, Lewis explained, is communications.

"Many people are afraid to communicate with deaf-blind and shun them," he said. "I can only talk with one person at a time, and only if that person is within my reach. If I am in a crowded room, and no one is within three feet of me, I might as well be in a closet. It is very easy for me to misunderstand, so communication is often very slow. Deaf people who know sign language do not like to touch others and, as a result, they do not talk to deaf-blind very long. Many deaf-blind have a poor social life with little to occupy their free time."

In addition, Lewis said that simple things, like paying bills or grocery shopping, are hard because a deaf-blind person almost always has to rely on someone's help to do these things.

Lewis is being interviewed for this article with the help of an interpreter, Julie Glover.

Meet The New Governors . . .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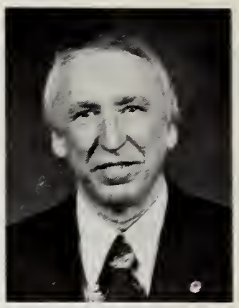
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Five new District Governors who will serve as AEB board members next year were elected at Mid-Winter in Conway. They were:

Hardin Jones of Hot Springs, District L. A member of the Hot Springs Lions, Jones has served as a deputy district governor and zone chairman. He has been a Lion for more than 25 years.

Al Gregory of Harrison, District I. Lion Al is a member of the Harrison Evening Lions Club and has served as its sight conservation chairman. He has been a deputy district governor and Leo chairman.

Jim Tate of Jonesboro, District O. A past president of the Jonesboro Lions, Tate has also been a zone chairman and activities chairman for his district.

Pat Clyburn of Carlisle, District N. Lion Pat is a past president of the Carlisle Lions. He has been a deputy district governor and a zone chairman.

Wes Smelley of Little Rock, District S. Lion Wes was elected District Governor while serving as the immediate past president of AEB. He is a past president of the Park Plaza Lions with 19 years of perfect attendance. In addition to being president of AEB, Smelley has been chairman of EKB and the State Sight Conservation Committee.

500 Lions Attend Mid-Winter Conference

More than 500 Arkansas Lions and their wives gathered in Conway in January for the District 7 Mid-Winter Conference. Second Vice President Kaoru "Kay" Murakami of Japan was the international guest.

VISITORS — Second International Vice President Kaoru "Kay" Murakami and his wife of Japan took time to tour AEB while they were in Arkansas in January for the Mid-Winter Conference. At right is Jim Cordell, AEB's acting executive director.

In addition to the reports given by various Lions projects — AEB, EKB, All-State band, the Arkansas Campaign — the business session was highlighted by the induction of a new member into the Mayflower Lions Club.

Lewis Phillips, sponsored by Lion Lineul Autry of Mayflower, was inducted by PIP Edward G. Barry Sr. of Little Rock during the Membership, Retention and Development Seminar.

During a "Parade of Checks," announced in the December-January **New Life**, more than $8,000 was presented by Arkansas Lions to the campaign.

For the first time AEB operated a booth selling ties and pins and giving away free coffee. It was managed by Norman Payton of Baton Rouge, La., a trainee in AEB's Small Business Management training program. A similar stand will be open during the state convention.

Winning bid for the 1981 Mid-Winter Conference was made by the Little Rock Founders Lions. It will be scheduled for late January.

By-LIONS

. . All Around Arkansas

Mrs. Harriett Brown, an elderly Blytheville woman, was the happy recipient recently of a pair of glasses which were purchased for her by the Blytheville Lions Club. "I think the world of them," she told the club.

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Kaoru "Kay" Murakami, second vice president of the Lions Clubs International, spoke before a full house in late January when the Trumann Lions Clubs celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Trumann High School auditorium. Paul Thompson III, president of the Trumann Lions, said the club was chartered on January 28, 1930.

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The Newport Lions Club reported donations totaling $942 for local eye services during 1979. Members also gave a final check for $331 to Dr. J. D. Collier, a Newport optometrist who voluntarily renders several of the services through his local office. Dr. Collier is a member of the Lions Club.

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Al Gregory, Sight Conservation chairman for the Harrison Evening Lions Club, has announced that 230 people were tested for glaucoma during a screening held by his club in February at Ozark Mall in Harrison. A more complete examination was suggested to about 15 people, he said.

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The weekly bulletin of the Searcy Noon Lions Club made a notation of the three persons in training at AEB from District 7-N. "This is where some of the $940 is going that we recently paid to AEB," the item pointed out.

Fairfield Bay Volunteer Gives Long-Distance Help To AEB

Why would a person living in Fairfield Bay want to be a volunteer for AEB?

To Edith Lieb, 72, it's a matter of having the opportunity to be of service to the blind, rather than a matter of distance.

Miss Lieb is a reader who tapes books for trainee use. The center supplies her with a tape recorder and reading material, then she can mail the finished tape to AEB when she is finished.

AEB's volunteer program solicits help from people in the community as well as those who live across the state, since taping services can be performed long distance.

Because of her interest in the work, Miss Lieb is currently spending six to seven hours a day as a reader for AEB, but she plans to reduce her reading to two or three hours a day. She is now taping adult basic education workbooks.

Her enthusiasm for reading for the blind is not a passing whim. Before she moved to Fairfield Bay upon her retirement, Miss Lieb was a reader and charter member for Taping for the Blind in Houston, Tex.

After answering a newspaper ad asking for volunteers to read for the blind, Miss Lieb found herself among 48 who agreed to take a reading test required by the Library of Congress. She and 15 others were chosen from the group to begin as readers in the Houston program.

Miss Lieb will never forget the first talking book she taped for the Library of Congress, "The First 100 Years of Agriculture." Its 700 pages took her 60 hours of reading.

"Oh, they never would let me read fiction," confessed the articulate Miss Lieb. "I've got a factual voice, they told me."

Being a reader requires more than just sitting down to read a book from cover to cover and taping it. Often times, many hours of preparation goes into the reading before it is actually recorded. If the recording isn't satisfactory, all or parts of it have to be taped again.

Miss Lieb usually scans the material first to make sure she has the correct pronunciation of words and to make sure it will be understandable to someone who can't see the written material.

For example, once she read a book filled with chemical terms and had to borrow a chemical dictionary to make sure the words were pronounced correctly. The textbook material she is now working on has exercises which require the student to underline words which should be capitalized. Miss Lieb must adapt the exercises verbally for a listener.

A retired secretary, Miss Lieb was a volunteer reader in Houston for three years, as well as a hospital volunteer for 20 years.

"But reading was the only thing I really missed after retirement," she said. Because a reader must become absorbed in the material and the work, she explained that "it involves all of you."

When she discovered she could do taping for AEB, she promptly volunteered. Miss Lieb describes herself as a long-time reader who finished her primer before she started to school at age 5. She has been reading a daily newspaper since she first learned to read. "My father loved language. He insisted I must take Latin in school. I took five years of Latin."

What makes a person want to be a volunteer?

"It's wanting to feel involved in not only helping people, but wanting to be involved in broadening people's outlook," she said — "doing something for somebody that they can't do for themselves."

Make Plans For State Lions Convention

Now's the time to make your plans to attend the 62nd Arkansas Lions State Convention, especially if you want to enjoy all three days.

Hosted by the Hot Springs Lions Club, the convention will be at the Arlington Hotel on May 2, 3, and 4.

The weekend begins with golf, tennis and bowling on Friday. Past District Governors will hold their Tarnished Brass dinner Friday evening.

AEB's membership luncheon will be at noon Saturday and the EKB breakfast is Sunday morning.

More details will be released later by the Hot Springs Lions.

The Arkansas affiliate to Prevent Blindness will provide glaucoma screening at the state convention, according to Daisye Zimmerman, president.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

PID Burton Tompkins by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Folk by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Troy Carney by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Edgar H. Stone by Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club, O. W. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sanders, Mrs. W. S. Briant
Earl Rhodes by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Dr. Nolan Beverly by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
Mrs. James Hawley by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Silliman
Mrs. George Bell by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Silliman
E. A. Bowen, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Dr. and Mrs. Marvin F. Cohen, R. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Church
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CUTTING THE CAKE — Roy Kumpe, AEB's founder and former executive director, helps Lila Lampkin cut a birthday cake in honor of the Center's 33rd anniversary on March 3. To honor the occasion. Kumpe spoke at a staff-trainee banquet, recalling AEB's history. Miss Lampkin, administrative assistant, has been working at the Center since its beginning.

Clubs Prepare For Charter Night

Three new Arkansas Lions clubs are ready for their charter night. They are West Memphis Breakfast, Hamburg and Mount Ida.

The new club for West Memphis is sponsored by the West Memphis Lions. David Jeffords is president and Barry Bowman is secretary-treasurer. Guiding Lion is Bob Lewis. Currently there are 22 charter members for the club with charter night scheduled April 18.

Hamburg currently has 21 members signed up for the club in that city. The new club is being sponsored by the Crossett Lions. John Baker Jr. is president and Bruce Timmons is secretary-treasurer of the new club. Randolph Perritt is the Guiding Lion. Charter night will be April 28.

A new Lions Club for Mount Ida will be chartered May 1. The Hot Springs Lions are sponsoring the new club and Stanley Roach is the Guiding Lion. Currently 23 members have joined the Mount Ida Lions. Charter president is Melvin Simpson and secretary-treasurer is Robert Landers.

New Life Has New Look

As you read this issue of **New Life**, you will probably become aware of a few minor changes. Columns which appear each month, By-Lions and Alumni News, now are easily identified with new headlines. In addition, we have added two new columns, Profile and 2811 Fair Park. Profile each month will feature someone involved with the center — a staff member, a current or former trainee, a Lion. 2811 Fair Park will be concerned with tidbits of news happening at the center.

We hope the changes will make **New Life** easier to read and more enjoyable for you, the reader. We also solicit feedback. Tell us what you like, what you don't like, and most important, tell us your news.

— Jim Davis

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The State Capitol is the backdrop for Ken Goodwin's work at the Attorney General's Office. Goodwin, a 1978 graduate of AEB's Community Service Advisor vocational course, is employed in the Consumer Protection Division as a consumer counselor. A closer look at Ken, his work and his "extra" work can be found on Page 6.

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Group Interaction Part Of Training

Part of the training at AEB that usually goes unnoticed by visitors is the organized group interaction.

Each day, group sessions are scheduled to meet the various needs of a trainee. The schedule was revised recently to include the following group work: Small group counseling, leisure time activity group, communicative skills group, work awareness group and large group. Groups are led by staff members who employ the help of outside speakers.

Amy Pais, coordinator of adjustment services, explains the purpose of adding the psychological interaction to the training program: "Very often the newly blinded person needs assistance in becoming reinvolved with society in group settings. Peer group interaction in discussing ideas, feelings and problem solutions is a very important adjunct to the trainee's personal adjustment to blindness."

According to the individual trainee's needs, he or she is assigned to specific group work. Sessions run from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

"The group sessions are unique opportunities for trainees to both learn from one another and to receive information which is not presented in other facets of the overall training program," Pais said.

Each group functions this way:

Group counseling — This therapy allows the trainee to verbally explore personal adjustment problems and feelings with other members of the small group. Each trainee is encouraged to talk about personal problems for exploration by other group members. Staff members are trained to guide the discussion.

Leisure time activity — This is to help develop leisure time activities for people who do not plan to actively pursue full-time employment outside the home. This group uses arts and crafts, discussion and exploration of various kinds of hobbies to help trainees become more aware of activities available in their home town.

Communicative skills — This area teaches basic concepts, enhancing socialization and verbally appropriate behaviour through group work. Environmental awareness is an important part of this type of group, and self expression at a basic level is stressed.

Work awareness — Conducted twice weekly, this group focuses on work awareness in an attempt to enhance the trainees' knowledge of the world of work. Trainees in the group are in charge of inviting speakers from different work backgrounds to the center.

Large group — Once a week, all trainees are brought together in the auditorium to discuss important topics about their rehabilitation. Presentations, announcements, and speakers from the community and the staff are included in the weekly programs. In April, the large group schedule includes speakers who will discuss biofeedback, child abuse, bus travel and a verbal tour of Mexico.

GROUP COUNSELING — Patti Kent [left], an AEB counselor, leads a small group discussion in the library.

UALR Presents Great Decisions

About 50 trainees at AEB participated in the 1980 Great Decisions foreign affairs discussion program last month.

The program was divided into four different topics, with discussions held on Mondays in the large group session in the Center auditorium.

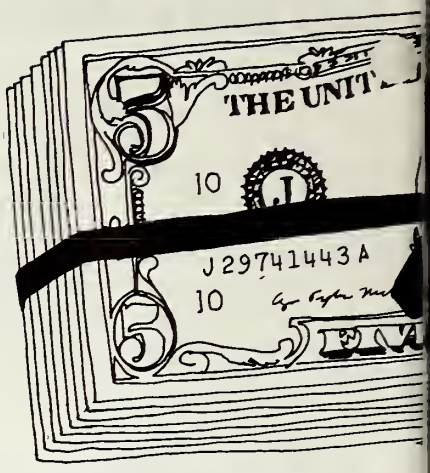
Speakers included Dewey Lantrip, former AEB staff member who is in charge of Great Decisions at UALR; Dr. Brent Knutson, chairman of the UALR Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies; Dr. Myra Masters, UALR assistant professor of criminal justice; and Dr. Ross Ferland, UALR dean of the School of Engineering Technology.

Their topics were "The World in 1980," "The Mideast and the Persian Gulf," "Humanity on the Move" and "The World Energy Crunch."

UALR faculty members prepared 15-minute tapes for each week's discussion. The cassettes took the place of the Great Decisions program book, which is not available in braille or a recording.

Great Decisions is a national program that gives Americans of all ages and backgrounds an opportunity to learn about major foreign policy issues through discussion groups. It is sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and in Arkansas by the **Arkansas Gazette**, UALR and 16 other colleges and universities.

Giving: Memorials Are A Simple Solution



Giving came to America with the earliest settlers. It was their nature — a part of their European and English heritage — to share, not only the hardships of living in a new world, but the joys of harvest.

From our history lessons we know how the pioneers held barn raisings, plowed each other's fields when illness or accident struck, helped one another harvest the crops and shared in their mutual defense.

The first organized charity in America was the Red Cross, founded by Clara Barton in 1881. Her task was to change the thinking of independent Americans to help those in need due to calamities beyond their control. Since that first effort in the 1880's, numerous ways and means have been utilized by charitable organizations for the support they need for their services.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind was organized in 1939 with support of three Lions Clubs — Little Rock (now the Founders), Little Rock Pulaski Heights, and North Little Rock; the Arkansas Welfare Department, and the Alumni Association of the Arkansas School for the Blind. Later in 1946, the AEB Rehabilitation Center was adopted by the Arkansas Lions as a statewide project and the Founders Lions raised the initial $10,000. The other clubs vowed to raise funds for the rehabilitation training of the blind adults.

Local clubs accomplished fund raising through their sight conservation committees. Early among these activities were the seal sales and broom and light bulb sales. AEB continues depending on the Lions for assistance. But, as the need for services increased, the rehabilitation center has developed other fund raising methods.

This article begins a series of stories defining AEB's fund-raising labors. The first article of the series deals with memorial giving.

One decision that plagues us today is how to express sympathy. Our efforts with words often seem shallow or weak when compared to the poets who have polished their syntax through years of study. It always appears that eloquence escapes us when we need it most.

Many people are discovering that a memorial gift in honor of the deceased means a great deal to the family. Frequently, the family requests memorials to a particular charity, but often the choice is left with the one making the memorial.

AEB's memorial program began in 1949. Each year it is a valuable asset in the rehabilitation center's fight to avoid deficit spending. In FY '78, our memorials totaled $10,500; in FY '79, $8,269, and for FY '80 (as of January), $5,412. AEB averages slightly more than $750 per month in memorials.

How It Works

Perhaps the memorial program's greatest asset is its simplicity for the donor. A phone call to AEB, a coupon from a memorial booklet, or a coupon from **New Life** is all it takes. AEB handles the rest. A card notifying the family of the deceased about the gift is mailed to the next of kin, or to a member of the family specified by the donor.

Because the gift is tax deductible, the donor receives an acknowledgment card for his gift. Each month the list of memorial gifts is printed in **New Life** and each is included in a permanent record book maintained at AEB.

There are several reasons why donors prefer memorial gifts. One is that the amount is never revealed. Gifts range in all sizes, from small to multi-gifts collected by a club in memory of a member. Because of postage, printing and management of the program, it takes a gift of approximately $5 to cover the cost and provide AEB with financial assistance.

Donors like the idea that a memorial serves two functions: It remembers an individual and also helps AEB and its work with the blind and visually impaired. A third reason making memorials popular is the convenience. AEB handles the paper work and the sometimes difficult chore of finding addresses of next of kin.

AEB's Advantages

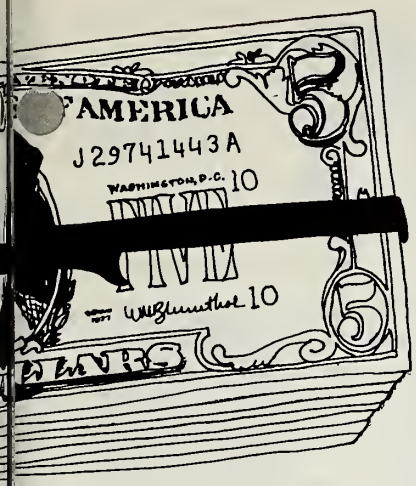
For a number of reasons, memorials are good for the rehabilitation center. Checks or cash arrive with the memorial. Not like pledges, where a certain percentage is never collected, memorials are paid when they are made. Very seldom is a memorial gift designated for a specific program. The money is available to be used as needed by AEB.

Many times a donation received for a memorial is a gift that would not otherwise have been given to the rehabilitation center. Memorials produce a steady flow of funds. Also, the program grows as it becomes more popular.

AEB strives to be prompt and accurate with memorials. We also make every effort to assist the donor or the family receiving the memorial in memory of a loved one whenever possible. Frequently large numbers of memorials are made for someone, but the family might not know everyone who sent a memorial. AEB will provide addresses for thank you cards from the family.

The rehabilitation center attempts to make it easy for the donor. Memorial booklets are distributed to Lions clubs, during state meetings and by mail to anyone requesting one. Memori coupons are frequently printed in **New Life** magazine.

Some Lions clubs are collecting



memorial donations from club members and from family members of the deceased for special funds. Such funds are given to AEB and set aside for uses in areas that have unique needs. Some go for furnishing a room in someone's memory, a scholarship for an older blind person or an international student, or for college prep. Any special fund should be coordinated with AEB in order to balance services provided by the rehabilitation center.

Honor Gifts

Not all gifts are for memorials. In recent years, making a donation to AEB in honor of an event in people's lives has become very popular. Birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, get-well, retirement, learning to do something new, graduation, election to an office, or winning a trophy are a few of the reasons for giving honor gifts.

Honor gifts are handled the same way as a memorial. For special occasions — like when the wording on the AEB card just doesn't fit the event — a letter is written. Because of such versatility, honor gifts can be appropriate for any occasion, especially the humorous times or those times that are for remembering.

When either a memorial or honor gift is given to someone who isn't acquainted with AEB or its work, the donation can be an opening for them to investigate more about the rehabilitation center. This has led new recruits to AEB's volunteer program and introduced new supporters to the rehabilitation center.

If you would like more information about the memorial and honor giving programs at AEB, please contact AEB.

By-Lions

The five district governors-elect gathered on March 8 in the AEB Conference Room, together with the Governor's Council and other knowledgeable Lions, for a training school to discuss all phases of their upcoming work. The 13 topics discussed covered such areas as awards, visitations, protocol, AEB and the Eye and Kidney Bank. At the same time, wives of those present met to discuss their part in Lionism.

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The Wilson Lions Club reports another successful farm machinery auction held at Bassett in February. The auction is one of two fund-raising events sponsored by the club. Its success each year is evident in the amount of money contributed to AEB. Last year, the club was the No. 1 contributor in the state, giving $100 per member. Treasurer Bentley Rhodes attributes the success to the "hard-working ramrods" in the club.

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George Brewer, AEB's first editor of **New Life** as a volunteer public relations person, was honored for his efforts at the March 5 Little Rock Founders Lions Clubs meeting. Roy Kumpe, AEB's former executive director, presented him a plaque in appreciation of his service. Brewer, a former member of the Founders Club, recently retired from the State Chamber of Commerce.

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When the Pine Bluff Lions Club recently donated 15 books in braille to the Pine Bluff-Jefferson County Public Library, there was a minor problem in making the announcement. One of the books was titled only in braille, giving the club no clue to its contents. The books were anonymously donated to the club by a local couple. Included in the gift, the library's first braille books, were 10 books of an 18-volume Bible.

Register Early For Convention

Time is growing short to register for the 62nd Arkansas Lions state convention (May 2-4) and take advantage of the early bird registration. Angelo Pappas, convention chairman, says the early bird registration ends April 25.

A savings of $2 per person is the price difference: $24 compared to $26 after the deadline. Cost for Leos is $15. Children 14 or under who attend only one meal will pay for that meal; if they attend more than one meal the price will be $15.

Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff of Ballinger, Texas, Lions International 3rd vice-president, will be the international guest and speak at the banquet. VP Grindstaff was elected 3rd VP in Montreal last June. Grindstaff, an attorney, is a past president of the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children, has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, eight International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is married and has two children.

Special entertainment is scheduled following Saturday night's banquet at the convention. Casino Night, a chance (no pun intended) to cure gambling fever without visiting Las Vegas or Monte Carlo, will follow the banquet. Before jumping the gun and thinking the Lions are re-opening Hot Springs' recent past, the gambling is with play money and the Hot Springs Jaycees run the show.

Chairman Pappas says an admission of perhaps $3, not determined at press time, that's not included in the registration, will be charged to attend Casino Night. After the time set aside for the casino activity expires, an auction for door prizes will be held. Play money won from the casino will be used for bidding.

All activities for the state convention, except golf, bowling and tennis, will be held at the Arlington Hotel. Room reservations should be made by each individual attending the meeting.

The Hot Springs Lions are host for the convention.

Mediator By Day, Musician By Night

In 1977, a 24-year-old musician from Fort Worth came to AEB to be trained for a job that would offer more stability than his current occupation. A singer and guitarist, he had been making the Holiday Inn circuit since he was a sophomore in high school.

Today that young man, Ken Goodwin, is now 27 and appears to have the best of both worlds: During the day, he is a consumer counselor in the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office. At night, he performs at The Coachman's Inn in downtown Little Rock.

Goodwin, who is congenitally blind, was among five students who completed AEB's first Community Service Advisor vocational course in May 1978. Charles Jackman, counselor for the Texas Commission for the Blind, referred Goodwin to the center. He was hired originally to work for the Attorney General's Office as a Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) worker. He later was retained as a state employee and has worked in that position for one and a half years.

As a consumer counselor, Goodwin listens to complaints over the telephone and makes reports on them, answers questions relating to the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office and advises callers on what other agencies might be able to help them.

The Attorney General's Office deals with fraudulent business practices and false or misleading advertising in which Arkansas residents or Arkansas businesses are involved.

A large number of his calls come from elderly people in small communities of the state. "There are a lot of old people in Arkansas," Ken said. "They were brought up in a different era where someone's word was their bond. It isn't like that anymore."

In the beginning, Goodwin said he found himself being sympathetic with the callers, often wanting to agree with them that they had been "taken."

"It's hard," Ken explained. "You're not an advocate. You're a mediator."

He said it is extremely important that the counselor give out the correct information since it is coming from the Attorney General's Office.

In the span of his work, Goodwin said he has received many unusual calls, especially those involving mail order problems. One of his "personal favorites" came from a woman who wanted advice on an advertisement she saw in the newspaper.

Her inquiry was about a pair of pants that would inflate when hooked up to a vacuum cleaner. The advertisement indicated the buyer would become thinner after wearing the inflated pants.

Goodwin said he is using some of the information taught in the CSA course at AEB. But, like in any job, he has had to learn specialized information while on the job. The interviewing technique with consumers which was taught in the class has been especially helpful, Ken said.

With two jobs, he keeps a full schedule and then "collapses" on weekends. He performs from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Coachman's with a partner, Melba Stanbridge. They both sing, and Ken plays the guitar. The music is mostly country — a style popular among the customers — with a lot of Willie Nelson songs. Ken also likes jazz.

In his few spare minutes, he is learning to play the violin and likes to read.

Goodwin at the office

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Lee

Talbert

Augustine

Three new employees have joined AEB's staff. Janice Lee, who has worked for the past three years at the Arkansas School for the Blind, is a cooking instructor in personal management. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Janet Talbert, new typing instructor in educational services, is a graduate of Harding University. A Searcy native, she now lives in Cabot. Fernando Augustine, a former trainee from Mansura, La., is an instructor's aide in crafts.

History repeats itself even at AEB. In 1956, AEB's first international trainee, Yong Bong Bac, arrived from Seoul, South Korea. In late February this year, the latest international trainee, Shi-Chul Nam, arrived from Seoul. Sponsored by the International Services for the Blind, he will be in professional training for six months.

It can't be said that AEB staffers aren't motivated. Case in point: Nine staff members recently completed the motivational class, Lead the Field. At the end of the five-week session, five of them walked away with every award given to participants. Amy Pais, coordinator of adjustment services, won the gavel award, as well as a book award, "This Is Earl Nightengale." Books were also presented to Adren Duncan, Michele Boulter and Ramona Sangalli. Bill DeGrasse won a cassette tape, "The Strangest Secret."

AEB's 34th Taxpayer Service Representative class, which began February 4, was in the limelight recently when the Omnibus section of the **Arkansas Gazette** published an article about the course and its history. Rita Williams of Frankfort, Ky., and Tony Thornsberry of Tipton, Ind., are enrolled in the current class. The program, the only one of its kind in the country, has also drawn a number of IRS officials to the Center to observe the course. Top-ranking officials from Arkansas, Ohio and Washington have viewed the program recently along with training facilities at AEB.

Alumni News

Viola Slattery (1979), a vocational graduate from AEB, began work as a medical transcriptionist last month at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Slattery is the first medical transcriptionist student to graduate since the course was restructured in 1978.

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Ernest Hagen (1978) will be able to view the first complete production of his folk opera, "Beret and Per Hansa," in his home state of Wyoming. Arts Coordinating Representatives, a non-profit organization to help and encourage Wyoming artists, will sponsor the production. Hagen, who lost his sight while working on the opera, finished it while in training at AEB. UALR gave a limited performance of the opera. Hagan is an accomplished conductor and composer.

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Father Bill Farrell (1979) has sent word that he is progressing well at St. Dominic Priory in New Orleans and is looking forward to the time he can come back to visit AEB. He is recuperating from a mild stroke. "The stroke was a shock to me. There is good prognosis, and I am now in therapy and doing rather well," he wrote. "Thank everyone at AEB for their cards and best wishes."

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Blind Athletes Seeking Funds

The Arkansas Association for Blind Athletes, an organization formed slightly more than a year ago, has as its purpose the participation in sports by blind persons throughout the state.

Leonard M. Ogburn, assistant superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind and a former wrestler, is the president of the organization. The association is affiliated with the United States Association for Blind Athletes.

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From Turkey To AEB

Cordell New Director

AEB's board of directors named Jim Cordell executive director of the rehabilitation center on March 27. He is the third executive director appointed in the center's 33-year history.

Cordell, who had been serving as acting executive director since January 24, had been assistant executive director since 1975. He joined AEB's staff in 1960 as a mobility instructor.

He wrote the following open letter to the board, staff members and friends to express his aims for the center's future:

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I am deeply appreciative to our board of directors, as well as to our staff and friends in rehabilitation work around the country, for the expressions of confidence and support they have given during the past two months.

Cordell

Over the years, the reputation of AEB has been built upon the commitment of Mr. Kumpe, earlier staff and board members to provide the highest quality training possible to blind and visually handicapped persons on an individualized basis. Having formed my own orientation and philosophy of rehabilitation within this framework, it is my determination to continue in the same manner.

We will strive to upgrade and improve upon our existing personal adjustment, prevocational and vocational training programs. We will be innovative and creative in seeking to develop new vocational training programs and to stay abreast of modern technology in order to open more vocational opportunities to a larger segment of the blind and visually handicapped population. In order to do so, we will need the continuation of the excellent support of the Lions of Arkansas and neighboring states as well as that of our staff, trainees and other friends in the community that we serve.

It will not be an easy task; the needs of blind persons are no less, federal and state dollars are in short supply and inflationary pressures are spiraling. We must look increasingly to the Lions and other sources for additional funding. However, by joining hands and pulling together as a team, I am confident that the necessary funding will be available, and that AEB will continue to be recognized around the world as an outstanding rehabilitation program for blind and visually impaired persons.

— Jim Cordell

GRADUATES — AEB's Community Service Advisor course graduated three students from its latest class in March. From left are Donna Sims of South Bend, Ind.; Melissa Mylam, instructor; and Lou Jean Hudson of Rusk, Tex. Not Pictured is Patricia Shively of Edgemont, S.D.

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It takes a closer look to appreciate Fatma Akincibay, the pretty Turkish woman who is featured in native costume performing a folk dance. She is an intelligent, 24-year-old blind person from Istanbul who came to AEB for training, so she can return to her country as a rehabilitation worker. Her story is on Pages 4 and 5.

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AEB One Of His 'Greatest Loves'

"We work on what we love the most, and AEB is one of my greatest loves."

Bob Moore's statement explains the long hours — hours borrowed from his job and family — he has been willing to devote to AEB this year while serving as its president.

His advice to the new president who will be selected in June — "Just keep the trainees number one in all activities" — reveals his priority at the center.

Moore's opinion of AEB's goal — "To seek better training for blind people, through vocational as well as personal adjustment training" — describes his philosophy of the purpose of the rehabilitation center.

While reflecting last month on his term of office, Moore explained that he took the job with a lot of expectations and a lot of previous experience of working with AEB. He has served the Lions as a past AEB board member, a first vice president, a district governor and president of the North Little Rock Lions Club.

While in office, Moore has seen the expansion of the computer programmer course and the graduation of about 200 trainees, 52 of them from vocational programs. During the year, the first President's Day for Arkansas Lions was held, as well as the largest Visiting District Governor's Day in AEB's history.

"The year has gone real well," he observed. "I think the training program has been improved, as it does from year to year. If I could wish for anything more, it'd be more trainees."

Looking toward the future, Moore thinks AEB will need to continue to expand both its vocational programs and personal adjustment training, especially since more blind and visually handicapped children are being enrolled in public schools. AEB will be called on to offer specialized training, training they would have received at the state schools for the blind, to these children when they become adults, he predicted.

Born at Pearson, Ark., Moore went to schools at Pearson, Quitman and Rose Bud, where he met his future wife. He has a son, a daughter-in-law and a 9 month-old granddaughter.

Bob Moore

For the past 25 years he has been in the construction business. He is a member of the North Little Rock Lions Club and the Levy Baptist Church. He can boast of being his church's first male nursery worker, having worked with bed babies for the past 13 years.

His plans for next year?

"I'm still going to support AEB in every way possible, and I'll have a little more time to play with my grandbaby."

By-Lions

Joan Anderson, a Hot Springs Village braillist, was the featured speaker recently at the Hot Springs Village Lioness Club. Anderson, who discussed braille programs for the blind, moved to Hot Springs Village from the Republic of Singapore, where her husband was employed as an oil company executive.

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The Rogers Lions Club gave a first to the Rogers Memorial Hospital in March — an eye storage unit which will enable the hospital to remove donated eyes from recently deceased persons and temporarily store them for future transplant use. The hospital becomes one of a growing number of area facilities with the capability of removing and storing eyes for future transplant patients.

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There were fiddlers and hoboes, square dancers and plenty of bluegrass musicians to play to a packed house at the annual DeQueen Lions Club talent show in late March. Stan Renaud, president of the club, said about 550 people were on hand for the event, which was started by the Lions some 20 years ago. Jim McNulty, a deaf-blind trainee at AEB, played two piano selections during the show, which is a fund-raising activity to help support AEB.

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A number of Lions Clubs across the state have had programs and dinner at AEB during the last two months. They include Magnet Cove on March 3, Lonoke on March 18, Hot Springs Village Breakfast Club on March 25, Bryant on March 27, and Park Hill of North Little Rock on April 17.

Turkish W

To Help

AEB is proud that its outreach extends beyond Little Rock, beyond Arkansas, even beyond the United States.

While being international in scope, the rehabilitation training programs can touch the lives of blind and visually handicapped people across the world. The training can be especially beneficial to underdeveloped countries that have made little or no progress in the area of rehabilitation of their blind populace.

Fatma Akincibay of Turkey, who represents the 49th country served at the Rehabilitation Center, is in training at AEB so she can help blind people in her country. On several occasions since she has been in training, she has discussed the problems blind people face in Turkey.

A blind person in Turkey must be poor. A blind person must be helpless. A blind person can't do anything.

That is the general consensus of public opinion in Turkey of the capabilities of blind people, according to Fatma Akincibay, a professional trainee at AEB from Istanbul.

A sighted person riding with a blind passenger on a bus usually pays the blind person's fare. It doesn't matter that there are sighted passengers on the bus who are more financially strapped than the blind person.

In Turkey, isolation and pity of blind people is predominant, with little emphasis on rehabilitation, Fatma explained. The population is generally uneducated about blindness.

Seeks Training

It is this climate that brought the 24-year-old Moslem woman halfway across the world to AEB for training.

Her goal is to return to Istanbul, a city of six million people, and be an instructor and counselor in the only rehabilitation center for the blind in the entire country.

There are approximately 300,000 blind people in Turkey, and the center's capacity is 60 to 70 people. It is operated by the government, with help from Turkish Lions. Blind children, especially those who live in the villages, are often isolated in the homes by their families who won't, or can't, send them to school. Part of the problem is that there are only three elementary schools and one middle high school for the blind in the country, the elementary schools totally having a capacity of only 200 children.

Fatma said it is rare for a blind person to go to high school or college. When a blind person does graduate from college, it is difficult for him to get a job. The high unemployment rate makes it hard for blind people to compete for the available jobs.

Unlike in the United States, a blind person gets no compensation from the government for his disability. Therefore, if he doesn't have a job, then he must be supported by relatives. However, blind people who can find jobs have an advantage. They don't have to pay taxes to the government. Sighted employees pay up to 62 percent of their income in taxes, Fatma said.

Over the past few years, the plight of blind people in Turkey has been an all-consuming interest to Fatma, who lost her sight at age 19.

Brain Tumor

A month after she took her college entrance exams in 1975, she underwent an operation for a brain tumor. A second operation a month later resulted in blindness.

She had just graduated from the American Academy for Girls in Istanbul, and in 1979 she graduated with a psychology education degree from Bogazici University in Istanbul, the first three of her years in college spent as the only blind person enrolled.

"I chose to be independent after I lost my sight," she explained. "I didn't want to stay at home and do nothing."

Two months following her college graduation, she left her country for training at AEB. International Service for the Blind, a Lions-supported organization which helps train

IN CLASS — Fatma Akincibay works with an abacus, a mathematics tool by many blind people.

man Trains Countrymen

professional persons from other countries who want to be workers for the blind, granted her a scholarship to cover tuition costs. Christoffel Mission for the Blind in West Germany provided for her room and board, and the United Church Board for World Ministries in New York supplies her pocket money. Her travel expenses were paid by her family.

Fatos (pronounced Fa-toesh), her nickname she is known by at the Center as well as in Turkey, comes from a family who lives in the city in a three-bedroom apartment, complete with two bathrooms and servants' quarters. Her father works as a manufacturing manager for General Electric in Istanbul and her mother is a housewife. Her brother is an architect engineer. But with taxes so high, the family is not wealthy. When Fatos returns to work at the rehabilitation center, she will have a higher income than her father because she won't be a taxpayer.

Fatos and her family, as most of their countrymen, are of the Moslem faith. But city dwellers and the new generation are not as strict in their religious practices as the villagers and the older generation. The faster pace in the city, she said, makes it impossible to perform such rituals as washing and praying five times a day. Turkey is the only Moslem country in the world ruled by a democratic form of government.

Training at AEB

During her first four months at AEB, Fatos entered the general personal adjustment and educational training to learn to function independently herself. In January, she began training as an instructor, teaching in all of the training areas. She will also work with counselors at the Center and in public relations before her training ends in August.

"This is my first institution (for blind people) that I have experienced," Fatos said. "I didn't have any chance before to be with other blind people. It's a great experience to extend my knowledge of living with blind people and their problems."

Fatos, whose classes were conducted in English, has adapted well in a foreign country. "I'm comfortable here because we are sharing the same problems and the same goal. If someone makes a mistake, like running into a door, we all laugh. If you're sharing the same problem, it gives a great strength, no matter what country you come from."

Her Goals

She has several goals to work toward when she returns to Turkey. There is no association of blind people in her country, and she wants to form one with the aid from other countries to help educate Turkish society about blindness. She wants to help train more people to work in the rehabilitation center and to encourage the opening of more schools for the blind.

"I would like to use the training at AEB as a model and try to form the same program in Turkey," she said. She is particularly interested in the vending stand program, since the government already has control of vending stands in public buildings and could conceivably employ blind operators.

Alumni News

Two former AEB trainees, along with former executive director Roy Kumpe, have been named to the newly created Governor's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities. **Jack McSpadden** (1967), staff supervisor-personnel for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., and **Jim Hudson** (1965), Arkansas Developmental Disabilities Advocacy System, are among the 58 committee members. McSpadden is a representative on the committee of the public service field, and Hudson and Kumpe are representatives of the advocacy field. Established on January 22 by Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, the committee replaces the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

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Liddy (Bomar) Gilmer (1973), a graduate of the Civil Service Information Specialist program, is currently enrolled at Lamar University at Beaumont, Tex., completing a degree in computer programming. She and her husband reside in Beaumont with their two children.

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Kathy (Roach) Crawford (1973), a graduate of the Civil Service Information Specialist program, was in Little Rock recently to participate in a workshop which dealt with Section 504 — federal legislation that prohibits discrimination against the handicapped by agencies or facilities receiving federal grants. Crawford is employed by the consultant firm of CRC Education and Human Development, Inc., at Boston, Mass.

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Ronnie G. Smart (1976) is now working as a full-time Pentecostal minister. Smart, who has bought a home in Batesville, recently conducted services in a North Little Rock church. While he was there, he brought a couple of members from the congregation to AEB for a tour.

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Charles Armstrong (1977), a graduate of the small business management program, is now managing a snack shop in a new county building in Lapeer, Mich. Armstrong formerly operated a stand in East Lansing for about two years.

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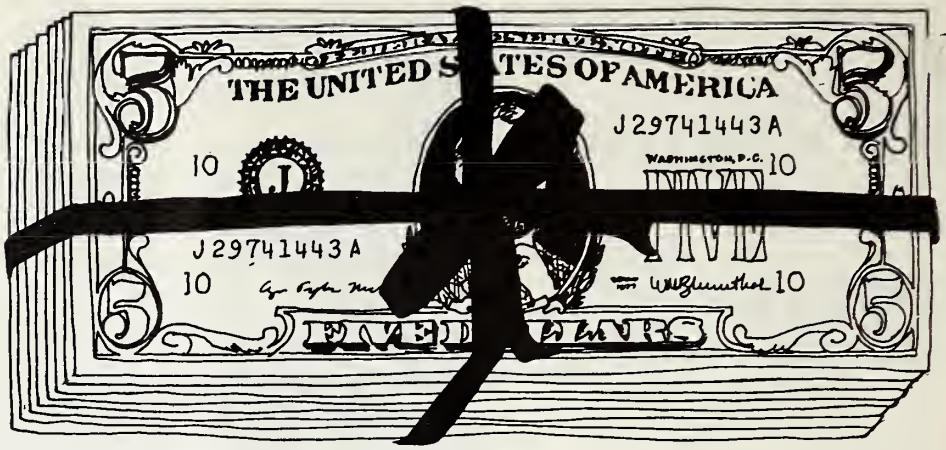
Ivey Hines (1979), a graduate of the Community Service Advisor course, is in the process of relocating to Albany, Ga., where he has been employed by the Justice Department.

Giving:

Sharing Your Will



Editor's Note — This is the second article in a series on giving.

In 1976 more than 1.3 million Americans, representing approximately 70 percent, did not have a will at the time of their death. At least they didn't have a will they had had prepared.

In a case when someone dies without a will, there is a formula established by law that resolves the estate's settlement, and the government usually is the big winner because of estate taxes and other costs.

There's no reason for anyone not to have a will!

Get Assistance

Many don't because they don't understand wills and their benefits. Stories abound of individuals being stung by an improperly drawn will or taken advantage of by unscrupulous persons. Mail order wills are available, but AEB suggests you select professional assistance from persons you trust when preparing a will. Some have the idea a will is an expensive item, but compared to the cost of not having one, the expense isn't a factor.

Still others overlook preparing a will because they don't feel their estate is large enough to justify the trouble. Nothing is farther from the truth.

Sometimes an individual is so busy creating an estate that he forgets to protect what he has earned in his lifetime. Misunderstandings about a will and its purpose is perhaps the greatest reason many fail to prepare one. Many times the losers are their survivors . . . and AEB.

Over the past several years AEB has received several sizable bequests. The Collie Estate from Malvern, the Sherwood Estate from Hot Springs and the Pinkerton Estate of Little Rock have provided the rehabilitation center with substantial gifts. In return, the rehabilitation center has named a building in memory of Mrs. Grace Pinkerton and its library for Miss Josephine Collie.

There have been numerous other bequests, all much smaller, but equally important to the rehabilitation center.

Include AEB

AEB may be included in a will any number of ways. Most gifts fall under the categories of restricted or unrestricted. Restricted gifts are designated for a purpose: building fund, low-vision aids, scholarship aids, special projects, purchase of special equipment, staff development, endowment or other reasons.

An unrestricted gift allows greater flexibility. The board of directors can place it where the gift would do the greatest good for AEB. Such a gift can be used to meet AEB's most pressing need.

One method of giving to AEB is an outright bequest of a certain sum of money. Under such an arrangement, the donor provides for his family and then sets aside a certain amount for AEB. Others choose to set aside a percentage of their estate for the rehabilitation center. During times of inflation as we are now experiencing, estates increase accordingly and a percentage system takes into account the rising costs being faced by AEB.

Family Provision

Gaining popularity is the **charitable remainder trust agreement.** Through this method, the giver places his estate in a trust and the income provides for his survivors as long as they live. The principal goes to AEB at the time of their death. This method usually provides more income for the remaining spouse and family, reduces taxes, and lowers the expense of the estate.

Another clause donors sometimes use in their will is the **residual clause.** This provides for specific things to be done with his estate, then the residue will go to AEB. A **contingency provision** is used by many as a plan if both spouses or the entire family die in a common accident. Such a provision allows the donor to determine how his estate is to be used.

Everyone has special interests and ideas he or she would like preserved. A will is the instrument available to all of us for such a purpose. As a supporter of AEB, and other services for mankind, you will want to be a part of their growth, even after death. Your will allows this to happen.

If there is no will, the property is distributed according to a plan determined by law. After death you have no control over how your estate is divided, and your family and programs you have supported may suffer.

When no will exists, the administrator of your estate is appointed. Legal fees are involved and such costs reduce your estate. In your will you name the executor and determine how your estate should be managed.

Plan Carefully

Wills are methods of reducing the cost of managing your estate. Careful planning may eliminate entirely the estate tax. Your will also indicates who should be the guardian of your children and manage their property if both spouses die in a common accident.

Of course, through a will you can leave a part of your estate to AEB. Your will can state how the gift is to be used

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2811 Fair Park

Dr. C. E. Ballard, who has been in family practice in Little Rock since 1974, joined AEB's staff this year as medical consultant. He comes to the Center each Tuesday for a clinic, and also serves as "trouble shooter" during the rest of the week. A 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas Medical School, Dr. Ballard did his internship at Baptist Medical Center. He spent a year working there in general surgery and a year at the University Medical Center in Otolaryngology. He is currently in practice by himself. Dr. Ballard and his wife Charlotte have two children, Amy, 5, and Emily, 4. He spends most of his free time with them, and each year finds time for a favorite sport, snow skiing.

AEB, recognized world-wide for its training program, last month tapped a new source of communication. Delta Airlines' inflight magazine, **Sky**, published an article on sight care and conservation. The Lions are spotlighted for their work in sight conservation and blindness, and AEB's training program is detailed. Dr. Jim Fowler, past international director and past AEB president, was interviewed for the information.

It didn't actually happen at 2811 Fair Park. The setting was at Snow Mass ski resort in Aspen. Michele Boulter, a braille instructor at AEB who is totally blind, last month joined a group of about 45 blind and visually impaired people from across the country and sighted guides in Colorado for seven days of cross-country skiing. The event has been sponsored for the past few years by the Colorado Lions Foundation. While the main emphasis was on cross-country, participants also got to downhill ski and go ice skating. An old hand at downhill skiing, Michele found cross-country to be a little easier to learn but more exerting. A sighted guide is the only concession made for blind cross-country skiers.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's founder and former executive director, can add another honor to his collection over the years for his work with blind people. He has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Marion Mill Preminger Medallion by the People-to-People Committee for the Handicapped. The medal is awarded annually to an individual who has provided notable leadership of an international nature to improve life and opportunities for handicapped people. Kumpe, who is president of International Services for the Blind and maintains his office at AEB, will be recognized at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped international luncheon May 2 in Washington, D.C.

Jim Tate of Jonesboro, the first newly elected district governor to spend a day at AEB, found himself being placed under the blindfold during his visit to better comprehend the training program at the center. His wife, Shirley, came with him. As a district governor from 7-N, he will be a member of AEB's board of directors.

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Mrs. Hester Bryant by Batesville Lions Club
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Dr. B. A. Lewis by Mr. & Mrs. Otto Turner
Ms. Lera Whitten Coon by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Burke
Mrs. W. M. Davis by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Browne
Ms. Janice York by Ms. Mildred McCullogh
Mrs. Paul Pyle, Sr. by Dr. & Mrs. J. M. Fowler
John Henderson III by Robert Sakon
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Mrs. Sammy Drennan by Connie & Bernie Burr
Hugh Roane Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Otto Turn Conway Noon Lions Club
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GET WELL

Mrs. Marvin F. "Sonny" Cohen by Lila Lampkin
Mrs. Charles Cohen by Lila Lampkin
Bill Boston by Dr. & Mrs. Larry Dickerson
Robert Shepard by Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey

RETIREMENT

Mrs. Ella Davidson by Lila Lampkin

EKB

The Trumann Lions Club presented EKB with an autoclave at its regular meeting on March 19.

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An enucleation school, taught by Lion Bob Burns and Dr. Calvin Hanna, was held in Jonesboro in March. The school trains morticians to remove eyes for transplant and research. In January, Burns, Dr. Hanna and Dr. Mitch Singleton were instructors at another school in Fayetteville.

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The Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank has furnished the corneas for 41 successful transplants since the first of the year. Eight kidney transplants have also been performed, and 277 donor cards signed.

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— building program, special services, equipment, operating expenses or scholarship aid.

A will is a method of creating trusts, endowments, memorials or other activities that can produce income for extended periods of time for either your survivors or AEB, and at its termination provide a sizable gift.

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$10 Per Member

One hundred and 29 Arkansas Lions clubs raised $10 or more per member for the AEB Rehabilitation Center during the 1979-80 fiscal year. The Wilson Lions Club set a new record this year, raising $100 per member, topping their record last year of $80 per member. The Whitehall Lions raised $50.

Below are all the clubs, listed by district, which raised $10 or more per member as of May 15:

DISTRICT 7-L

10 for 1:
Dierks
Gurdon
Horatio
Hot Springs Oaklawn
Magnet Cove
Murfreesboro
Prescott

15 for 1:
Arkadelphia
Ashdown
Hot Springs Village Bkfst.

20 per 1:
Arkadelphia Evening
Bryant
Camden
Camden Evening
Hatfield
Hope Evening
Hot Springs Diamondhead
Hot Springs Downtown
Hot Springs Mid-America
Hot Springs South
Hot Springs Village Eve.
Magnolia
Mena
Mineral Springs

25 per 1:
Hope
Nashville

30 per 1:
DeQueen
East Camden

DISTRICT 7-I

10 per 1:
Atkins
Eureka Springs
Fort Smith Noon
Fort Smith Evening
Gentry
Green Forest
Harrison
Harrison Evening
Perryville
Plumerville
Prairie Grove
Rogers
Scranton
Springdale Noon

15 per 1:
Greenland

20 per 1:
Bentonville-Bella Vista
Berryville
Fayetteville
Fayetteville Evening
Fort Smith Southside
Morrilton
Russellville
Siloam Springs
Springdale Evening

25 per 1:
Eureka Springs
Russellville Evening

DISTRICT 7-O

10 per 1:
Black Rock
Caraway
Cherokee Village
Fisher
Horseshoe Bend
Imboden
Marked Tree
Pocahontas
Trumann

15 per 1:
Cherokee Village Indians

20 per 1:
Blytheville
Blytheville Evening
Jonesboro
Jonesboro-Nettleton
Lepanto
Manila
Newport
Oil Trough
Osceola
Salem
Weiner

25 per 1:
Corning

30 per 1:
Westside

100 per 1:
Wilson

DISTRICT 7-N

10 per 1:
Augusta
Bald Knob
Brinkley
Carlisle
Des Arc
Fairfield Bay
Horseshoe Lake
Lonoke
Palestine
Searcy

15 per 1:
West Helena

20 per 1:
Clinton
DeWitt
Heber Springs
Helena
Hughes
Marianna
Stuttgart
West Memphis
Wynne

30 per 1
Cabot

DISTRICT 7-S

10 per 1:
El Dorado
Eudora
Gould
Hermitage
Lake Village
Little Rock Pulaski Heights

15 per 1:
Crossett
Jacksonville Noon
Mayflower
Sheridan

20 per 1:
Conway
Conway Evening
Little Rock Metrocentre
Monticello
Pine Bluff

25 per 1:
El Dorado Evening
Fordyce
Jacksonville
Little Rock Oak Forest
North Little Rock Park Hill
North Hills
Watson Chapel

30 per 1:
Little Rock Founders
Pine Bluff Evening

35 per 1:
Little Rock Forest Heights
Little Rock Park Plaza
Little Rock Southwest

45 per 1:
North Little Rock

50 per 1:
Whitehall

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On The Cover

As past president of AEB and an ex-officio board member, Dr. Jim Fowler and his campaign for Lions Clubs International third vice president is important to AEB, as is all Lions work. This issue devotes four extra pages to the upcoming international convention in Chicago. Dr. Jim is pictured on the cover with his wife and traveling companion, Aggie.

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Searching For A Job

Can Be Even Harder If You're Blind

Up at 6 a.m. Time to get psyched up — but not too much — for another interview. Got to catch the bus. Can't even remember the name of that little town. Don't have any idea where the radio station is.

Back home at 6 p.m. Exhausted. No luck. Ego deflated. Must get psyched up again. Tomorrow's another day.

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For the past few months, John Christianson, a trainee at AEB, has been through this routine more times than most people would take the trouble to count.

Like most people will experience at least once in their lives, John has been wearing down shoe leather trying to find a job. Unlike most people, John is blind.

A simple interview that might take a couple of hours of a sighted person's time can mean a whole day for John, not to mention the preparation for the interview.

He has to check bus schedules if the interview is out of town, cab service if it's in town. If the town has no cab service, he must find a way to get to the job site.

One of his recent interviews was in Conway. When he was finished, he discovered that the bus station was closed. He found himself sitting on a bench outside the station, sometimes with people to chat with, for the three to four-hour wait before the bus came through.

The emotional drain can be worse for a blind person. For example, when setting up the interview, do you tell the employer that you're blind? Or do you wait until he finds out? How do you keep bouncing back after interviews in which you knew you were qualified, often overqualified, for the job, but the employer was afraid to hire you because of your impairment?

Christianson, who has experience in broadcasting, at the time this article was written had been looking for a job for three months with no success. In that time frame, he had contacted about 60 radio stations in Arkansas and some out of state. His rehabilitation counselor in Jonesboro helped him send tapes to some of the stations, but John did the follow-up work, the phone contacts and arranged his own interviews.

His difficult search is no worse than many blind people encounter. What has been so remarkable has been his attitude. He has amazed and impressed those around him with his persistence and optimism. When he's not out on an interview, he's at the center making telephone contacts. In the meantime, he continues to get experience on AEB's switchboard as a means of an alternate job route. He has also had several interviews, arranged by AEB's placement coordinator, for dispatcher, switchboard and answering service jobs.

John, 32, came to AEB in February 1979 from Monette, Ark., where he had been employed at a radio station. He wanted to receive general adjustment training and to explore other vocational options. Congenitally blind because of retrolental fibroplasia, blindness caused by too much incubator oxygen, he grew up in the Cincinnati area, attending public schools until he was in high school. He

graduated from the Ohio School for the Blind at Columbus.

His interest in broadcasting led him to attend the Career Academy Broadcasting School in Columbus as the first blind student in the school's history. Because he was blind, school officials told him they couldn't guarantee placement. A year after he graduated, however, the school helped him find a job in Carrollton, Ky., at a radio station as a disc jockey. He performed a variety of jobs, including telephone news stories, commercials and production. A change of management, as was the case in Monette, caused him to resume his job search.

AT THE SWITCHBOARD — John Christianson pages an employee while operating AEB's switchboard.

On the whole, he has found employers in Arkansas to be more compassionate than in other states he has been in.

One cruel encounter, which Christianson affably calls his funniest experience, happened in a small town in Arkansas. He was talking to a station manager in the control room during a board switch.

"I was just standing there and a fellow saw me with my suit on and white cane and said, 'What is this we have here, a mannequin?' "

Christianson believes in being upfront about his blindness and usually tells an employer when setting up an interview that he is blind.

The biggest limitation Christianson would face as a disc jockey is that he can't read a teletype. He must find a station that is large enough to have a newsman or to have taped newscasts. Employers are also concerned that he can't read the station meters, but he has his third class broadcaster's license to read them, and audible equipment is available.

John said he could take the easy way out — he could simply go down the list of radio stations in the state and do his work by telephone.

"But I think it's more important for a blind person to get there. If you can get there for the job interview, then they'll know you can get there on your

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College Prep Course Underway

The 20th college preparatory course at AEB got underway on Monday, June 9, with 15 students enrolled, most of them recent high school graduates.

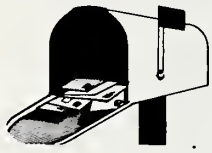
Dr. John Lammers, a professor at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, is instructor for the academic courses. This is his fifth year to direct the program at AEB.

As the title of the course implies, the summer session is designed to help students planning to enter college obtain academic skills that will make the transition from high school to college easier. Essay writing and grammar exercises are emphasized. While at AEB, the student also receives personal adjustment.

The blind and visually impaired students can elect to work for three hours of first semester freshman English credit from the Continuing Education Division at UCA during the course.

The group will spend several days observing college classes at UALR. By using taped study material which can be used on an individual basis, Dr. Lammers is able to provide one-to-one attention with each student.

The course will end August 8.



Alumni News

Vicki Parker (1977) was in Little Rock in May visiting Ann McDaniel (1975) and friends at AEB. Parker is working as a TSPS long distance operator with Alice Hebert (1977) at South Central Bell Telephone Co. in Baton Rouge, La. They were the first visually impaired operators to be hired by the company. McDaniel is a TSPS operator at Southwestern Bell in Little Rock.

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The following is a letter to AEB's Executive Director Jim Cordell from Mrs. Kenneth Davidson, mother of Doug Davidson (1978):

"The year 1977 was our first contact with you. In the intervening years the young man whom you helped has made much progress, and we are grateful to you in particular, for we believe you represent individuals rather than utilitarianism.

"This month this young man, Doug Davidson, will graduate from Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould. We feel that you along with Mrs. Haden deserve acclaim for the part you have played in his success.

"We are most grateful to God for having sent you and the AEB into Doug's life and want you to know how much we appreciate all of your efforts on Doug's behalf."

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John Johnson (1978), who came from the Bahamas to receive personal adjustment training, is now an American citizen who is looking for employment in Florida. In the meantime, he has been doing volunteer work with senior citizens and plans to take some college courses. His address is 1396 Northwest 54th St., Apt. 3, Miami, Fla. 33142.

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Rick Johnsrud (1979) and Alice Johnsrud (1979) are the parents of a girl, Angela Danielle, born April 3. Rick, a computer programming graduate, will begin a state job at Computer Services in September. Alice, a word processing graduate, is employed as a switchboard operator for the Cooperative Extensive Service in Little Rock.

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Sidna Hollenbeck (1979) recently helped as a volunteer during the Special Olympics for Children in Leesville, La. She is looking for work in the Louisiana area.

By-Lions

The Oak Forest Lions Club in Litt' Rock is involved in a service project, air believed to be the first of its kind undertaken by Lions Clubs in Arkansas. The club has installed more than 30 smoke alarms in homes of visually impaired persons who live in the Oak Forest area. After all the homes of visually impaired persons have received alarms, members plan to extend the service to elderly invalids and other handicapped persons in the neighborhood. The project, which is of no cost to the recipients, was the idea of one of the members in the club whose elderly father was killed in a house fire. The Little Rock fire department has assisted in locatin where the alarms should be installe

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Jim Murphy and Wayne Bradley, co-chairmen of the Russellville Noon Lions Club's fund-raising radio auctio this year, report gross sales of $3,400 for the three-day event in May. Items for the auction were donated by local merchants and radio station KCAB provided about 10 hours of free air time. While the sales totaled about the same amount as last year's auction, there was about $700 more merchandise donated to the club this year. Club President J. C. Lawless said these figures are "a sign of the times." Proceeds will help support local sight conservation work, as well as AEB and EKB.

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The Fayetteville Lions Club has published an impressive 18-year report of services it has helped support since 1962 until 1980. Projects listed are local and statewide and reflect annual, one-time and occasional expenses. The total amount of money spent o services during the 18-year period was $95,985, with $45,710 of that amount raised for AEB. An incomplete account of the club's fund-raising disclosure appeared in the February issue of **New Life.**

A Convention To Remember

Lions International claims 30,000 Lions will be attending this year's International Convention, but none have planned for it harder, anticipated it more, nor will remember it longer than Arkansas' Lions.

For the first time since Lion Edward G. Barry Sr. was elected 3rd vice-president in New York in '54, Arkansas Lions are feeling a convention "belongs to the Land of Opportunity." And few cities other than Chicago, the self-proclaimed "Convention Capital of the World," would be more appropriate for the 63rd Lions International Convention.

If all goes according to plan, and at this time it appears it will, this will be the best Fourth of July for Arkansas Lions since 1976 and the Bicentennial. Since voting for international officers won't be until the 5th, the state's delegates may delay the real fireworks until Saturday night.

Official days of the convention are July 2-5, but Arkansas Lions will begin arriving in Chicago by plane, train or automobile much earlier, even before Lions International's registration opens on June 29 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, the convention headquarters hotel.

300 ARKANSANS

Arkansas' delegation has been assigned to the Marriott Hotel. Predictions are that more than 300 Arkansans will attend the convention.

There are three occasions during convention week when the state's Lions will gather for an event. First time will be Tuesday morning (July 1) for the annual Arkansas Breakfast. This is when Arkansas Lions meet the candidates, or their representatives, for international office. The breakfast will be held at the Marriott.

On the following day, Wednesday (July 2), the International Parade is scheduled. PDG Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, Advertise Arkansas Committee vice-chairman, wants everyone to march this year. He describes the uniform as, for Lions: "red blazers, white shirt, slacks and shoes; red tie or the Dr. Jim Fowler tie; and the Fowler baseball cap. Lioness: white skirts and blouses, red umbrella.

"Anyone not having a full uniform, but wanting to march — and we encourage everyone to march — will," Wilkinson said.

A final gathering for Arkansas Lions, not counting the Saturday night (victory) festivities, will be the Arkansas caucas on Thursday (July 3). This is also scheduled for the Marriott Hotel.

THE PARADE

Again this year the Arkansas delegation will be led in the parade by the Arkansas All-State band, and hopefully there'll be a repeat of last year's winning performance by the band.

This year 139 high school musicians from 49 schools make up the band. Eleven are members of the Fort Smith Southside band and 10 are from Van Buren. By Lions' districts, the schools are: nine from L, 13 from I, seven from O, four from N, and 16 from S.

Marty Rosen, co-chairman of the band committee, said the group will leave Little Rock by charter bus on July 1 and return July 6. Rosen reported that during their time in Chicago the band would play several concerts in addition to marching in the parade.

"Our major concern remains money," Rosen said. "Budget for the band program for this year is approximately $45,000, which includes past expenses and the current cost for this year's trip."

The major fund raising effort, in addition to clubs giving gifts and band students raising funds, has been the ticket sales for a 1980 Chevrolet won by Wayne French of Hot Springs Village during the state convention. $19,700 was netted by this method. Also winners during the drawing were Charles Hanson of Little Rock, a radar range; and Mrs. June Ratcliff of North Little Rock, a color television.

Rosen added, "We're still short of funds and the Arkansas Lions are going to have to come through for us."

Wilkinson said the District Governors will be promoting the band as they travel throughout their districts. 'A big boost for the program was the adoption at the state convention of a resolution commending last year's band for its success, and naming the All-State Band program as an annual program of the Lions of Arkansas through the Advertise Arkansas Committee."

IN CHICAGO

Convention sessions are scheduled for Chicago Stadium, home of the hockey Blackhawks and the basketball Bulls. The impressive Flag Ceremony and the very popular International Show Night will also be held at Chicago Stadium. International Show Night will be July 4.

Each registration entitles the holder to an activities book that admits the Lion, Lioness, or Leo to all the Lion-related events, plus includes discount tickets for some Chicago attractions. Those attractions are the White Sox baseball team; four of Chicago's famous cultural museums; the observation deck on the John Hancock Building; Sears Tower's Sky Deck, the world's tallest building; and the Marriott's Great American family amusement center.

Located in Convention Hall at the Conrad Hilton Hotel will be club supplies, sales, ticket exchange, registration and a very important activity for all Arkansas Lions — voting.

THE CAMPAIGN

Committee assignments were made at last month's state convention. Campaign workers will be manning an election control room at the Marriott, and a campaign suite at the

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In Flight

An idea that developed some five years ago is within weeks of becoming reality for Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler, Arkansas's candidate for Lions International 3rd Vice President.

With more than 400,000 miles of travel in his own airplane logged for Lion activities, Dr. Jim, as Arkansas Lions tend to call him, appears heading for unanimous election in Chicago on July 5.

For this Lion of 32 years, such a vote would put him in line of succession of becoming president of Lions International in 1983.

Five plus three equals eight. Eight years after the Arkansan's idea began germinating, Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler of Little Rock will be the leader of more than 1.3 billion Lions in 150 countries and geographic areas.

"It will be an Arkansas victory," Fowler asserts, "for without the loyal and dedicated support of the Lions of this state, I could never have come this far."

AN OUTSTANDING RECORD

If the Arkansas Lions are supporting Lion Jim because of his impressive record as a Lion, then their confidence is well placed. He is a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions, a club older than the international association to which it belongs. (The Founders Lions Club was chartered March 13, 1916.) Lion Jim has 27 years of perfect attendance and compiled an outstanding record as president of his club in 1962.

"Unfortunately," he recalls, "I only served half my term — I was involved in the National Guard call-up by President Kennedy."

He moved through the ranks in every area of service. Fowler was a zone chairman, deputy district governor, a 100 percent district governor, and chairman, Council of Governors; all in Multiple District 7.

He was elected to the board of directors of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, served as its vice president and in 1974 was elected the rehabilitation center's president. He continues to serve on AEB's board as an ex-officio member.

Lion Jim has served as a board member of the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank, and is currently a board member and vice president of the International Services for the Blind. For two years he served as chairman of the Arkansas Sight Conservation Committee.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Until this point in time, Fowler's highest office in Lions has been service for two years as international director, 1974-76. He has served as chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of Lions Interna-

Arkansas Lion Recalls Term As President

Edward G. Barry Sr., Arkansas' only Lion ever to have served as international president, remembers his 1957-58 term in office as an unequaled event in his life.

Lion Barry, who lives in Little Rock, visited 72 countries that year, devoting more time to the offices of vice president and president than others who had served before him.

"All of a sudden you wake up with the tremendous responsibility of leading the largest and most active service organization in the world," said Lion Barry, while reminiscing recently before the upcoming international convention in Chicago. "A successful year could depend upon your judgments of committees and your selection of comm

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l return to that service when elect- 3rd VP. Arkansans can trace Lion n's involvement in LIF by the assist- ce the state has received from the ganization: Cabot tornado relief, holarships for international inees at AEB, and the purchase of eglasses for needy senior citizens placing those lost during the ptember 1978 flood.

As a Lion he holds the Extension ard, Key Member Award, five In- national Presidents Awards and Ambassador of Goodwill Award.

n private life Fowler is a dentist h offices in Little Rock and Hot rings. He is active in several asso- tions of his profession. He is a ptist, a Mason and a Shriner. He is Navy veteran of World War II and a ired Colonel in the Arkansas Na- nal Guard. Dr. Jim is a competent ot with more than 13,000 hours of ing time to his credit.

During his years of involvement in ns work, the Arkansas candidate 3rd VP has made use of his air- ne on numerous occasions. As an ernational director he flew 252 its in his plane. He takes advantage of the mobility it provides and flies to Lions events all over the United States. Aggie, his wife, travels with him on most of these visits.

Fowler is the father of two married children, Jimmy and Martha, and has a granddaughter, Leigh.

WORK WITH AEB

Arkansas Lions have long been the beneficiary of Fowler's untiring work. Much of his involvement has been efforts on behalf of AEB and the blind and visually impaired. Fowler served as chairman of the rehabilitation center's Million Dollar Expansion Campaign that began in 1974. That program resulted in the construction of a 15,000-square-foot, multi-purpose building that was dedicated in April, 1977, and named in honor of Dr. Fowler.

Fowler has also served as chairman of the Visiting District Governors Day at AEB for the past several years. This event has grown annually and has become one of the best known Lions events held in the United States. More than 300 persons have attended each year for the past several events.

Lion Jim has not limited his work for the blind just to AEB. He is a former state senator who worked hard for the establishment of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Arkansas and served as the first chairman of its advisory committee.

ARKANSAS SUPPORT

Fowler's firm decision to seek the presidency of Lions International was made with the full endorsement from his fellow Arkansas Lions in January 1977 in Hope. During the Mid-Winter Conference the Arkansas Lions voted to sponsor and support him as a candidate for 3rd vice president. That endorsement has been recommitted annually by the Lions.

Arkansas Lions went a step farther in their commitment to Dr. Jim at the recent state convention in Hot Springs. By a unanimous vote of those Lions attending the Sunday morning business session, Arkansas Lions voted a $2.50 per year assessment for each Lion in the state. This comes from the dues. Funds raised by this voluntary assessment will finance the candidate's Lions work as he climbs from 3rd VP to Lions International president.

Although his Lions travel has taken him to many countries, Fowler has always taken the time to work with the Arkansas Lions. He has been available each time a visiting officer or director from Lions International has been in the state. He takes the time to induct new members into his own club just as diligently as he flies across state lines to visit other Lions.

Keeping up with Dr. Jim is as difficult as staying up with the Joneses. His twin-engine plane allows flexibility that lets him make about 150 trips per year for Lions activities.

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ou get serving as presi- ns respond to your suggestions given at meetings and person to person, suggestions of service and character building activities that have proven to be successful," Lion Barry said. He also derived satisfaction from being a goodwill ambassador from Arkansas, making friends for the state.

Retired as an AP&L sales executive consultant and a consultant for S. M. Brooks Advertising Agency, Lion Barry is an honorary director with National Investors Life Insurance Co. He is a past president of AEB and International Services for the Blind, currently serving as a board member.

Lion Barry has been the recipient of a number of Lions Club awards, including the Ambassador of Goodwill.

Edward G. Barry

Poch Ready For Convention #34

Joe Poch was in Galveston recently visiting a sick relative. Looking for a place to eat, he asked a man who was coming out of a restaurant if he liked his meal.

The man scrutinized him for a minute and then remarked, "Why, aren't you Joe Poch?"

That experience isn't unusual for Poch, who will be attending his 34th Lions International convention this year in Chicago.

"I can't go anywhere that I don't run into someone I know," Lion Poch observed.

A familiar face among state as well as international Lions, Poch attended his first international convention in 1933 when it was held in Providence, R. I. The next year he went to Mexico City.

Grand Rapids, New Orleans, Havana, Montreal, Philadelphia, Miami, Los Angeles, Dallas, New York, Chicago — they're more than places on the map to Joe. They're some of the convention sites that he recalls attending, most of them as a delegate.

But it was at Montreal last year when Poch received an overflow of recognition for his long-time devotion to Lionism, with some 60,000 fellow Lions applauding.

Past International President Ralph Lynam presented him with two specially designed medallions which no other Lion has received: one for sponsoring 250 new members and another for sponsoring 300 new members. As of April of this year, Lion Poch had sponsored 362 members.

What keeps him going year after year?

"You meet so many people that they begin to look for you every year," Poch explained. "I call them convention hounds. They all keep coming back."

Lion Poch, a retired druggist of North Little Rock, is a man of many distinctions, one of them being his 46-year perfect attendance record in the North Little Rock Lions Club. He is the only active charter member of the club still alive. A past president of the club, Poch saw the club swell to 425 members, becoming the largest Lions Club in the U. S. and holding that record for four years from 1944-47.

Why the dedication?

At one time, he was in the hospital for a 12-week stay, and club members closed the meetings each week at his bedside.

"So now then, how can I fail them?" was his answer.

At 81, Poch is still the colorful character who in his younger days sponsored the first annual rattlesnake derby in Arkansas as a promotion for his drugstore, and who launched a publicity campaign in which he sold silver dollars from his counter to customers for 75 cents.

A member of the International

Joe Poch

Brotherhood of Magicians, Lion Poch always has a new trick up his sleeve, and has often provided entertainment at Lions meetings and conventions.

He is the recipient of a scrapbook-ful of awards and honors and the subject of countless newspaper articles, many of them describing his latest gimmick.

Among the awards he has received in Lionism have been a certificate of appreciation from International President Lloyd Morgan and a president's award from 1975-76 International President Harry J. Aslan.

Some of his other professional awards include a 10-year service award from SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), a life membership in the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association and the 1975 North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Citizen of Yesteryear award.

Convention . . .

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Hilton. Others will serve as drivers and distribute campaign literature. Everyone is asked to take part in Thursday's demonstration following Fowler's nomination, and again on Saturday morning for the expected victory demonstration.

PID Herman West, a campaign co-chairman, reiterated the need for everyone who will be in Chicago to pitch in and help. "While we are thinking positive, we must not let our campaign work reflect overconfidence, but we must be in Chicago in large numbers working hard," West emphasized.

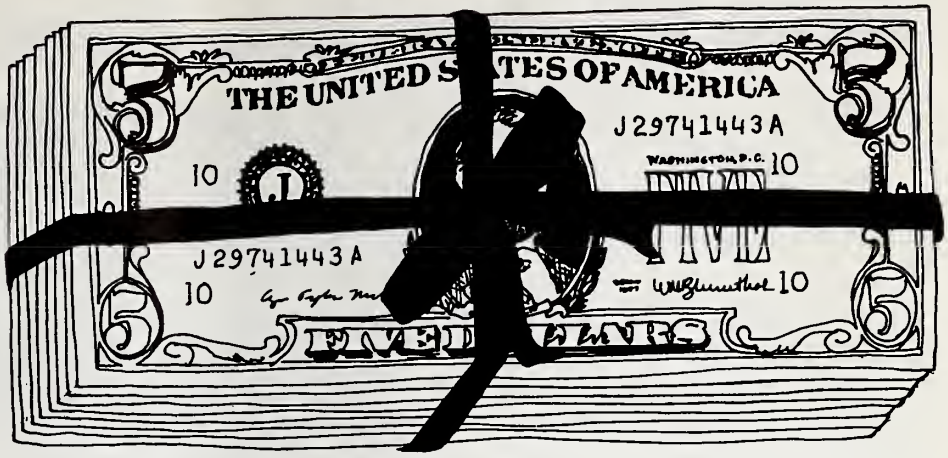
One area of the campaign that has reflected lack of interest is the financial aspect. For two consecutive state conventions, Arkansas Lions have passed resolutions recommending each club contribute $5 per member for the Arkansas campaign. Just prior to the state convention in early May the campaign was $20,000 short of its budget.

All in all Arkansas Lions are on the verge of a tremendous convention in Chicago. This will be the first international convention in the United States since New Orleans in 1977. The wheels appear to be rolling smoothly and all systems seem to say, "go."

See 'ya in Chicago!

Giving . . .

Gifts That Don't Jingle



Editor's Note — This is the final article in a series on giving.

When one speaks of giving, all too often his listeners think of money. A natural reaction, but at AEB we have learned over the years that not all gifts jingle; neither are they suitable for our bank accounts.

AEB has been the beneficiary of numerous bounty from Lions, individuals, foundations, sororities and similar groups. Many gifts improve the rehabilitation center's training and recreational programs. Others are of aesthetic nature and make AEB more ...able and enjoyable for the trainees.

Thanks to concerned individuals who ask what is needed, AEB gets many of the items that might not be available because of a tight budget. Many have learned there's more than one way of supporting AEB.

For example, the Pine Bluff Lions furnished the conference room where the board meets. The Pine Bluff Evening Lions installed a one-lane bowling alley for the trainees.

Piano, Machines

No one club has contributed as many times as the Oak Forest Lions. From a piano to landscaping and tree trimming to machines needed in the workshop area, the Oak Forest club has presented non-monetary gifts on a number of occasions.

Others include the Benton Lions giving a portable speaker table, the Fairfield Bay Lions a tape recorder, and the Pine Bluff Evening Lions giving a sewing machine.

Lioness clubs have been equally as active. The Lonoke Lioness club gave a dishwasher and a radar range, while other Lioness clubs have contributed funds to AEB. Leo clubs have also contributed funds.

One of the most active groups outside of Lions supporting AEB is the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. The group has contributed a jumbo braille writer, an electric braille writer and a sensory-quill machine. In addition, the sorority, and other sororities, have given cash gifts.

Clocks are located throughout AEB and most have been gifts. One that attracts a great deal of attention is the grandfather clock in the cafeteria. Donated in 1968 by Otto Leinhart of the Morrilton Lions, and his wife, Jeanette, the clock was made by W. D. Kirkland of Plumerville, a former AEB trainee. Another clock was later given by the Morrilton Lions in memory of Mrs. Jeanette Leinhart.

Auditorium Clock

The Quasar Chapter of the Arkansas Council of the Blind presented AEB with a clock for the auditorium, and has contributed other items, including cash awards for college prep students.

Gifts that were aids for training include the first Optacon funded by the Seeing Eye Foundation of Morristown, New Jersey. Levi-Strauss donated money and equipment for a deaf-blind research project AEB conducted in 1974-75.

Special funds have been established by individuals. The Max Shilling Fund was established and is supported by PDG Shilling of El Dorado to provide a going away gift for trainees completing their work at AEB. The Roy Kumpe Fellowship was established on the retirement of Roy Kumpe in 1978 to provide for a professional worker in the field of blindness to attend AEB for a week's orientation.

Scholarship Fund

The Hot Springs Village Evening Lions have established a scholarship fund which they finance. This fund gives aid to a visually impaired graduate from an Arkanas high school or the School for the Blind who attends college prep training at AEB. Others contribute regularly to the College Prep Scholarship fund and after each summer session students are awarded scholarships based on their study at AEB. The Delta Gamma Sorority and the Quasar Chapter of the Arkansas Council of the Blind contribute to these scholarships.

Many Lions Clubs will pay for a cane needed for mobility by a trainee from their area. The Little Rock Founders Lions have a standing order to be billed for any cane needed by a trainee but not paid for any other way.

Once a year AEB mails sustaining membership appeals to members who contribute frequently. More than $14,000 was contributed following the mailing of the letter in November, 1979. The gifts from this source continue to increase each year.

Recognition

AEB recognizes everyone who contributes with a "thank-you" letter. Individuals giving $500 or more are given the "Order of the Silver Cane" recognition. Their name is entered on a plaque kept in the Odom Building lobby and they receive a small silver cane pin.

Public contributions are a major part of AEB's budget. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, $73,918 in gifts were made to AEB, accounting for approximately five percent of AEB's income. This does not include the Lions Sight Conservation Committee contributions, nor gifts to the building fund.

But no matter the amount, nor the kind, nor when it's given, AEB needs this type of support to continue its programs of serving the blind and visually impaired.

Basic Ed Reaches Blind At Home

A 54-year-old woman who dropped out of school in the sixth grade because polio prevented her climbing the stairs to class.

A blind musician, labeled a slow learner, who also has hearing difficulties.

These are two people who are currently enrolled in AEB's adult basic education program. The woman has been studying for the past two years to pass the GED (General Educational Development) test, and doesn't plan to stop there. She also wants to go to college and get a degree in business administration. The young man wants to prove that he can obtain high school graduate status.

The education program, which began five years ago and is financed by a grant from the State Department of Education, aims at helping visually impaired adults, who have received little or no training, to achieve greater independence and employment skills.

Two instructors, Nannie Childs and Donny Gatlin, carry out the program. Childs remains at the Center and works with trainees planning to go into vocational programs. Gatlin gives home instruction to visually impaired persons.

The instruction is to upgrade skills in English, math and spelling for vocational course entry, college entry, or personal satisfaction. The instruction also deals with language development by reading, counting money and obtaining listening techniques.

It is designed to help the visually impaired individuals' self concept, increase their functional independence and improve their employability.

HOME INSTRUCTION — Donny Gatlin, one of AEB's basic education instructors, watches one of his students, Margie Loschke of Little Rock, as she works on a lesson. Mrs. Loschke is studying to take the General Educational Development [GED] test.

"We teach more spelling than anything else," Childs explained. "We are also teaching a lot of writing."

At the Center, Childs works with approximately 70 people during a school year. The large number of people with academic deficiencies has created a demand for another instructor, according to Ramona Sangalli, AEB coordinator of educational services and rehabilitation teaching. AEB is currently checking into the possibility of funding for another position.

Gatlin's schedule has to be flexible to meet the needs of his students. Some require night instruction because of their jobs. He works four days a week with some students, and only one day a week with others. "We work out a time that's comfortable for them," he said.

Besides teaching basic education, Gatlin also gives instruction in Grade One braille to students who need it.

He is currently working with four students, and also drives two others to the Adult Basic Education Center in downtown Little Rock for classes.

Because all needs are different, both Childs and Gatlin have to offer individualized training to each student.

"I've had to try different approaches," Gatlin said.

The program involved visually impaired persons in all walks of life — people who have been blinded recently, people who have attended schools for the blind, teachers, doctors, skilled and unskilled workers.

"The foundation of living is basic skills, and this training is important to everyone," Childs said.

Luther Black, director of the Adult Basic Education division of the Arkansas Department of Education, has been involved with the grant since it was first approved. Commenting on its effectiveness, Black said: "We think that it's innovative in nature. One, there's plenty to be learned about blindness, because here is a resource that has not been fully developed.

The program, he said, can shed more light on education methods for teaching adult blind persons and at the same time give them the opportunity to fulfill their aspirations.

Membership Mailing

AEB made a second Sustaining Membership letter in March and has had outstanding response — actually 18 percent. More than 500 letters were mailed to individuals who had not responded to the November, 1979, mailing. Through mid-May 92 contributions were received at AEB totaling $1,584. The average gift was $17.22.

Norris Walthall, chairman of the Public Relations and Sustaining Membership committee, called the response, "wonderful."

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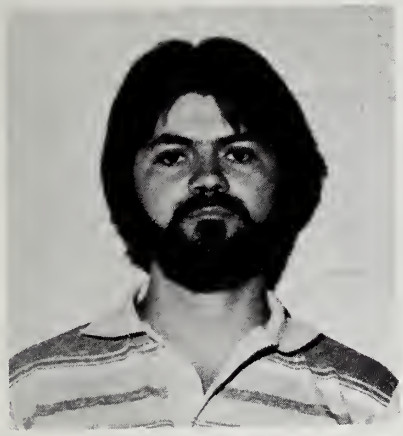

Ken Deramus

Iris Trice

Two new employees have joined AEB's staff. Ken Deramus, a computer science major at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, is working in the computer programming department as an instructor. Before joining AEB, he worked for Little Rock Water Works for two years in the computer department. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Southwest Little Rock. He is a native of Cherry Hill. Iris Trice, who had been working at a nursing home in Stuttgart before she moved to Little Rock, is a dormitory supervisor. She calls Pine Bluff her home.

Two vocational graduates from AEB were placed in jobs in April. Rita Williams, a graduate of the last Taxpayer Service Representative course, is now working in the Cleveland, Ohio, IRS office. Anna Elam, a graduate of switchboard-receptionist training, is working for the State Highway Department as a switchboard operator. Williams is from Frankfort, Ky., and Elam is from Little Rock.

AEB is an evaluation site for one of only a few IBM audio units being tested for the Mag Card II and memory typewriters across the country. The audio unit, which has a speech synthesizer to speak the typewritten word, is being evaluated for three months at AEB to see what job opportunities it might open for blind people. The units are not on the market yet, but will cost $5,000. Five trainees, some totally blind and some partially blind, are participating in the evaluation.

Peggy Willingham, a trainee from Shenandoah, Pa., was the hit of the morning last month when 36 children, ranging in age from 2 to 5, from the First Methodist Day Care Center in Little Rock came for a tour and program. Willingham led the children in some of their favorite tunes while also providing the piano accompaniment. The youngsters watched demonstrations by staff members and took a short tour of the facilities.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Joseph Melo by Dr. Charles M. Brizzolara
Mrs. Mary Brashears by Raymond A. Isenman
Francis Snuggs by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Plank
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Charles Gamble by Mrs. Eva Kirby Sr. and Charles Kirby, Jr.
John Lofton by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Brummer by Mrs. Lois Brummer Handy

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own. That's something they (employers) always want to know.

"I've had a lot of people say to me that they wouldn't keep going out there. I guess the fact that they're (the radio stations) out there keeps me going. The most important reason is that I have to do it for myself."

He realizes that the broadcasting job market is tight now, but he also knows that he has a good voice and experience to do the job. "The odds would indicate something might break pretty soon. If I keep on working on leads, something will come up."

His optimism stems from his home environment. "I was taught to believe that I could do things and taught to do things to the best of my ability. A positive attitude makes life so much more interesting. When I'm out there trying to sell myself, that's when I feel good about myself. When I get down the most is when I'm just working on the telephone. If you have a positive attitude, you get positive vibrations back."

(Editor's Note — The above article was written two weeks before publication of **New Life**. The next week, John was offered a temporary position at Centrex, a central switchboard in Little Rock for all state office telephones. The switchboard job is temporary because the person who held the position is on maternity leave. The editor believes the article is still a meaningful look at some of the problems blind people encounter in the search for employment.)

EKB

Medine Watson, EKB executive director, was a guest speaker at the Southeastern regional eye-bank meeting held in Nashville, Tenn., in April. Arkansas received national recognition at the meeting because of the amount of eye tissue secured.

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Four men from the Jonesboro region were certified to remove eyes during April.

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EKB was contacted by the Arkansas Consumer Research project director for assistance in an evaluation on the services to renal patients.

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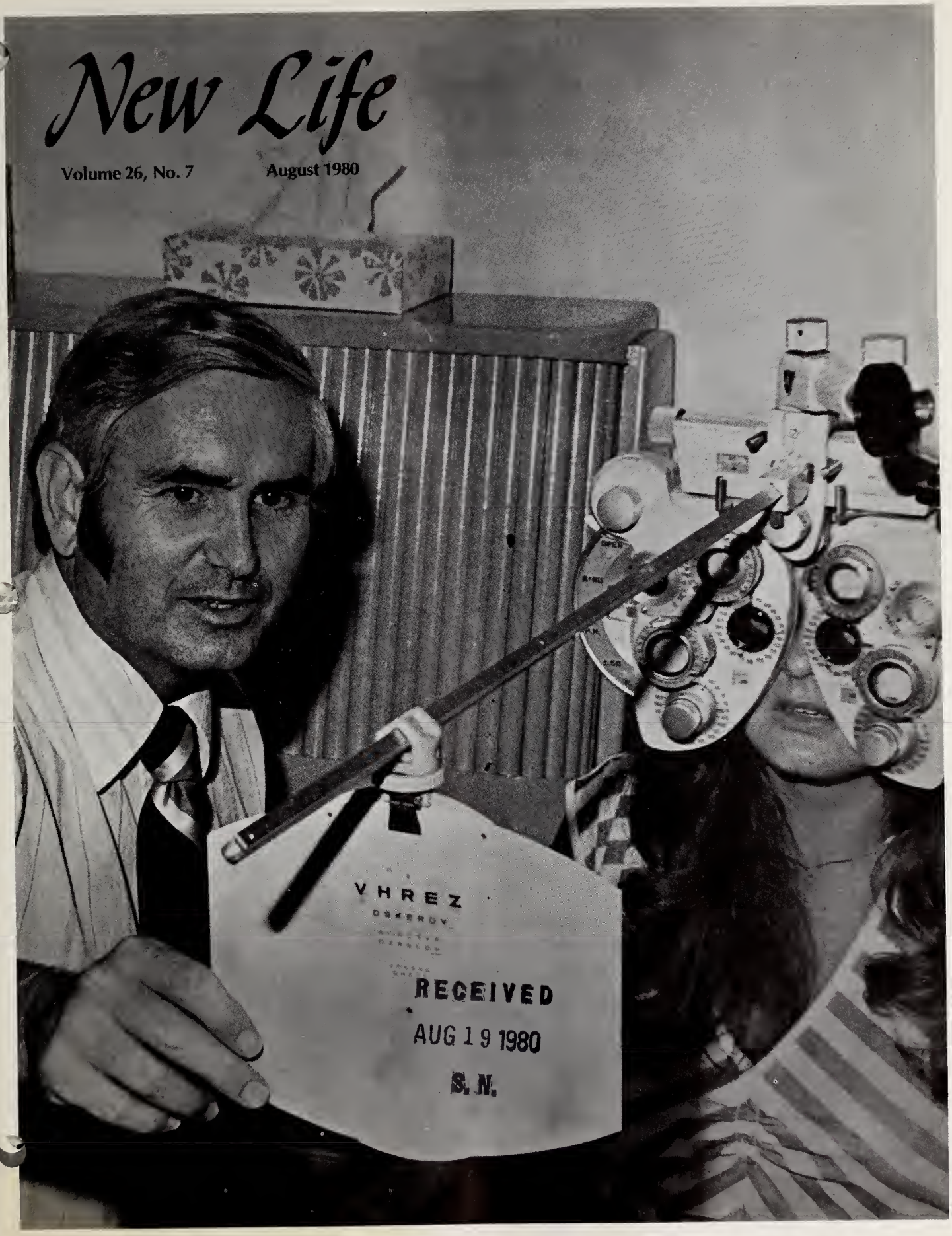

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Johns and Janes and Hermans and Lisas

I'll never forget Wendell.

He was the first and only blind person I was acquainted with until I came to AEB. Tall and thin, he was in my Sunday school class when I was young. He was friendly, often quizzing his classmates about personal information — their names, their ages, their dogs' names, things like that, apparently cataloging each of us in his mind.

As I feel about most curious people, I liked Wendell. His questions made me feel special.

A year ago when I came to AEB, the only reference I had about blind people was of that skinny, curious kid in Oklahoma who was kind, but different, because he was blind. The other blind people I saw after that were only faces — the vending stand operator at the Post Office, the man selling brooms who asked assistance across the street, the guy who tuned our piano.

Will they all be like Wendell? A little sheltered, a little different? Those thoughts and others were running through my mind when I was trying to visualize what it would be like to work with blind people after I accepted the job at AEB.

It sounds silly now. I was lumping all blind people together into one mass, expecting all of them to look and behave alike.

Although I have much to learn about blindness and the hurdles blind people must cross, I feel like AEB has given me a good introduction to this rehabilitation field.

The most important lesson I've learned, through meeting and working with trainees and staff members, is that blind people are regular folks whose distinction is that they can't see, or can't see well. The realization sounds simple, but it's surprising how many people haven't discovered that yet.

I came to that conclusion after observing that:

— Blind people can be found in all shapes and sizes, and I have yet to find two who look alike.

— Blind people come from all walks of life. Just at AEB, I've met a priest, a housewife, a civil engineer, a factory worker, to name a few.

— Blind people don't share the same visual difficulties. Their impairments are all different, ranging from total blindness to night blindness to side vision obstruction.

— Blind people react to their impairment differently. Some accept it and go about their way, while others have trouble coping. Some develop adjustment skills quickly, and others have great difficulty.

— **Blind people's personalities** aren't predictable. There are extroverts, introverts and people who don't fit either category.

— Blind people don't have mysterious control of their other senses to compensate for the loss of their visual sense. They're not gifted with an "ear" for piano tuning and they don't all have sensitive touch. Like anyone else, they can sharpen their available senses.

Blind people are people. They're not Wendells, but Johns and Janes and Hermans and Lisas. It's a good lesson to learn.

I'll never forget Wendell. He's something special to me — like my first date or my first tooth to come out. But he doesn't represent blindness anymore. He's just a curious, kind boy I once knew who couldn't see.

— **Judy Williams,** Publications Assistant

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as president

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Each year in July a new face and new name take over the position of president of AEB's board of directors. This year's office holder, Dr. Don Freel of Hope, adds a new dimension to the presidency. He's the first optometrist elected to head the board. The AEB staff and Arkansas Lions welcome Dr. Freel and his wife, Chris, who have already begun to take a leadership role in the operation of the center. We're expecting an exciting year ahead.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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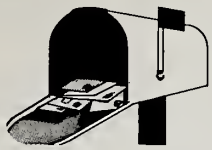

Alumni News

Jerry Taylor (1973) is regional distribution manager in charge of all printed material in the southwest regional IRS office in Dallas, Tex. Taylor is a graduate of AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative program. His wife, Crystal, is also working at IRS as an accountant technician in fiscal management.

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Robert Choate (1975) of Judsonia has undergone a series of heart attacks recently and had an extended stay in the hospital. He is also suffering from a diabetic condition. His address is Route 1, Box 460, Judsonia, Ark. 72081.

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T. Ray Dickinson (1976), who lives in Corning, Iowa, sent an AEB staff member a picture of his new son, nine-month-old Timothy. Dickinson also wanted to say "Hi to everyone who knows and asks about us." On the day he wrote the letter, June 20, he was longing for Arkansas' warm weather because it was so cold in Iowa that day that he had to turn on the furnace. Dickinson and his wife, Josephine, live at 1009 Seventh St., Corning, Iowa 50841.

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Another brief letter was received from **Dr. Modena Sullivan** (1978), who sends her address as 4101 S. T. St., Fort Smith, Ark. 72903.

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Wesley Lee (1978) has been working for the past two years in data processing for the Finance Department of the City of Shreveport, La., where he has been promoted from a computer trainee to a programmer-analyst. Lee is a graduate of AEB's computer programming program.

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Another 1978 computer programming graduate, **Steve Britt,** is now working as a computer programmer at the Illinois Office of the Secretary of State in Springfield. Britt, who was recently featured in the Harris Corporation, Data Communications Data Communications Division, magazine, wrote an AEB staff member to thank her for the instruction she had given him on the Optacon, which he has used at work and at home. His address is 817A S. Third St., Springfield, Ill. 62703.

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Mary Gryc (1979) has recently applied for funding of a grant she wrote to establish a Community Recreation Center with provisions for the visually handicapped. After she left AEB, she had been working on a temporary CETA job which has recently been terminated. Gryc lives at 75 Tennyson Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

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Donna Sims (1980) has accepted a secretarial-receptionist position for a company which manufactures liquid gas and gas products in Burbank, Calif. She is a graduate of the last Community Service Advisor program.

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By the end of June, two 1980 graduates of the June Computer Programming program had found employment. **Blaine Scogin** of Little Rock accepted a Programmer I position at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and **Ray Thornton** of Albuquerque, N.M., accepted a job with National Old Line Insurance Co. in Little Rock.

400 Expected For AEB Governor's Day

A traditional outing for Arkansas Lions and their guests has been set for Aug. 23, according to Don Freel of Hope, AEB's president.

Invitations to AEB's 20th Visiting District Governor's Day have been extended to approximately 75 district governors, council chairmen and AEB chairmen, he reported.

Freel said Lions International President William Chandler of Montgomery, Ala., and a number of international directors will attend. Chandler will address the gathering of Lions Saturday evening.

Visiting District Governor's Day always attracts a host of Lions dignitaries from throughout the nation. Many past international directors will be attending. Counting Lionesses, approximately 400 guests are expected.

Headquarters for the meeting is the Sam Peck Hotel. Arkansas Lions hosting visitors are urged to meet their guests at the Sam Peck and use the bus transportation to AEB. A bus shuttle will operate at the beginning of the activitiy and at the conclusion.

The program basically follows those of other years. First item on the agenda is a tour of AEB, followed by a program that includes talks by a former AEB trainee, Freel, Jim Cordell, AEB executive director, and Roy Kumpe, ISB president.

Dr. Jim Fowler, newly elected Lions International 3rd vice president and chairman of VDGD, will give a challenge to the visiting Lions.

Another activity is scheduled Sunday morning. The International Services for the Blind and Westinghouse Lamp Division of Little Rock will hold a special breakfast to talk about the light bulb sale program.

AEB has expanded its invitation list this year to include the DG's from Georgia and the council chairmen from Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and South Carolina.

Dr. Freel Leads 1980-81 Directors

Dr. Don Freel of Hope was selected in June to lead AEB as the new board president for fiscal year 1980-81.

Dr. Freel, with a goal to begin construction on a new vocational building at the center, assumed office July 1. A past president of the Hope Lions Club, he is an optometrist who has practiced for the past 20 years in Dallas, Texarkana and Hope.

Other officers elected during the quarterly board meeting on June 22 were Walker Tucker of Little Rock, first vice president; Milton Brummer of Hot Springs Village, second vice president; Al Isenman of Little Rock, secretary; and Alvin Reap of Little Rock, treasurer.

Newly elected board members are Winfred Wright of Searcy, Paul McCrary of Oklahoma, Mrs. E. G. Levy of Little Rock, B. G. "Bud" Wallace of Camden, Lee Yates of Russellville, C. R. "Bob" James of North Little Rock, Lester King of Cherokee Village, and Ted Larimer of Green Forest.

Those re-elected as board members are M. G. "Red" Heard of Louisiana, Russell Nixon of Missouri, Al Isenman, Walker Tucker and William Nash of Little Rock, Hon. Dale Bumpers of Washington, D. C., Jess P. Odom of Maumelle New Town, Robert Sakon of England, and John Miller of Melbourne.

A native of Texarkana, Dr. Freel received a BS degree in 1957 and a doctor of optometry degree in 1959 from the University of Houston.

He is past president of the Arkansas Optometric Association, a board member of the National Society to Prevent Blindness, Arkansas affiliate, and a charter member of the Hempstead County Association for Retarded Citizens, serving as a member of the board of directors and past president of The School of Hope and Helping Hands Sheltered Workshop.

He is a former zone chairman and deputy district governor in the Lions Club.

He and his wife, Christine, have five children, ranging in ages from 6 to 17.

With proper protective eyewear, 90 percent of eye injuries in industry could be prevented.

NEW OFFICERS — AEB's newly elected officers for the 1980-81 board of directors are [in front from left]: Dr. Don Freel, president, and Alvin Reap, treasurer; [in back from left]: Al Isenman, secretary; Milton Brummer, second vice president; and Walker Tucker, first vice president.

By-Lions

The Camden Noon, Evening and East Camden Lions Clubs recently donated $1,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lyles of Chidester to be used in the treatment of their son, 3-year-old Jarrell Mathews, who is suffering from retinablastoma, a rare cancer disease of the eye.

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Special recognition has been given the Hot Springs Village Lions Clubs for their assistance in raising $845 for White Cane. The two clubs requested that $100 of their contribution be credited to the Lioness Club for its help. According to Russell Franks, secretary of the Evening Lions, the Lionesses contributed to the clubs having their most successful day ever for White Cane. The Village Lions annually hold a combined White Cane Day in March to take advantage of the many guests who visit the Village during racing season.

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Two recent fund-raising projects of the Clinton Lions — the annual pancake breakfast and radio day — were a success, according to past president Mike Spades. Profits from the breakfast totalled $200, and $1,000 from the radio show. For several years, the club has been holding two breakfasts a year, and this was the second radio day in which members serve as announcers for a local radio station and sell spots to local advertisers. Funds raised by these projects and circus went to AEB, the Arkansas Ey and Kidney Bank, the purchase of glasses and to local charitable activities.

Professional Plans New Goals For South Korea

Professional training at AEB to Shichul Nam may be a key to open new doors of training for blind people in South Korea.

As director for the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind of Korea in Seoul, Nam, 41, wants to observe methods of training and administration at AEB so that he might apply some of those methods to his country's training program.

The private center he directs is his country's only rehabilitation center for the adult blind, although there are about 120,000 blind people in South Korea. The center was founded about 20 years ago by Yong Bong Park, a former AEB trainee. Because the staff of six instructors is so small, the center can accommodate only 10 to 15 clients at one time. The large number of applicants puts restrictions on admission. Only totally blind persons between the ages of 18 and 35 are accepted. They can have no other handicap other than blindness, and most people accepted have recently lost their vision.

Similar Training

His center offers much of the same training areas as AEB, with the exception of instruction on newly developed equipment such as the Optacon and audio calculator that the center doesn't have. Although job placement is a feature of his program, vocational training is not offered by the center.

When Nam returns to Korea, his goals are to expand the facilities to permit training for more students and to set up several vocational programs. He also wants to solicit help from the 35,000 Lions in Korea.

While society's outlook concerning blindness has greatly improved over the years in Korea, Nam is deeply involved in public education of blindness. For the past two years, he has taught a course in education of the blind at Ewha Women's University in Seoul. In the past, he said, blind people were considered mysterious. Even today, some Koreans still believe it is their unlucky day if they happen to see a blind person in the morning.

There are a few employment avenues open to blind people. The most popular are massage clinics, an occupation open only to the blind. The government issues licenses to blind people to become a masseur or masseuse. Acupuncture and fortune telling are also jobs often held by blind people, jobs related to the mystique of blindness.

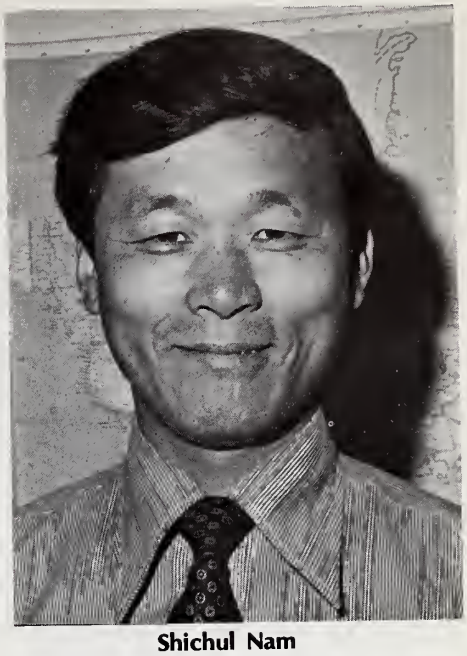
Farmer's Son

Born and raised in Taegu, a city in South Korea of about one million population, Nam is the son of an apple orchard farmer. Nam graduated from Yongnam University College of Pharmacy in 1963, and received a master's degree from Seoul National University in public health in 1965. He has also done graduate work in counseling psychology at Korea University.

Until 1970, he worked as a pharmacist at the rehabilitation center in Seoul. An opportunity to take an orientation and mobility for the blind training course at Helen Keller Institute in Malaysia changed his vocational direction. Although pharmacy was a more lucrative occupation, Nam became interested in the rehabilitation field for the blind and in 1971 participated in a motor skills training program at HKI in

Malaysia and a job placement training course in 1972 at HKI in Taiwan. He was named director of the rehabilitation center in 1972.

Nam, his wife and three sons live in Seoul, one of the 10 largest cities in the world with a population of 8 million. He came to AEB in February of this year for six months after being awarded a full scholarship from International Services for the Blind, an AEB affiliate.



Shichul Nam

While in the U. S., he has been able to view a number of other institutions which serve the blind, including the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston, the New York Lighthouse for the Blind, and the American Printing House for the Blind at Louisville, Ky. He recently attended the Helen Keller Centennial Congress in Boston.

In Arkansas, he has visited several agencies serving the blind and Lions Club meetings, including the state convention in Hot Springs. He has also received a number of personal invitations to homes and outings.

Ideas Changed

His concept of the United States has been altered during his visit.

"I thought before, U. S. was richest country and most advanced country and that people don't work hard, just killing time," explained Nam, in his understandable but sometimes broken English. "Opinion much changed. People in U. S. very kind and gentle. People (at the Center) work very had nine periods a day. Have good responsibility. I think God has blessed America."

One of the highlights of his stay has been an Earl Nightengale course in which his classmates selected him as winner of the leadership gavel.

"I appreciated Roy Kumpe for bringing me here," said Nam. "Also appreciate Jim Cordell and all AEB staff. I think this professional training has given me second motivation for me to continue my job and grow. I'm sure it will help in future."

Duane Balentine

Balentine Promoted To Assistant Post

Duane Balentine, who has been director of rehabilitation at AEB for the past three years, last month was named assistant executive director.

He came to the center in 1974 to develop an outreach program for older blind people in Arkansas. The next year, he was named director of vocational services, serving in that position until 1977.

Prior to coming to AEB, Balentine worked as a field counselor for the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired and for the Kern County Welfare Department in California.

A graduate of California State University, he received a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Arkansas State University. He has done post graduate work at three universities.

Active in the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, he has served as a state and regional president and on the national board. In 1977 he was selected by the National Rehabilitation Association as a Mary E. Switzer Fellow. He is a certified rehabilitation counselor and a licensed professional counselor.

He has been highly recognized for his work in the Lions Club, being named Lion of the Year in 1974 by the Forrest City Lions Club and in 1979 by his present club, Park Hill. He has served as Park Hill's president and this year is zone chairman.

Arkansas' Dr. Fowler Wins Seat As Lions International Officer

Lions from around the world met in Chicago and one item of business they dispatched with ease was electing Dr. J. M. "Jim" Fowler of Arkansas Lions International's 3rd vice president.

Other officers elected were William C. Chandler of Alabama, president; Koaru "Kay" Murakami of Japan, first vice president; and Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff of Texas, second vice president.

Arkansas' delegation of Lions and Lionesses made outstanding showings wherever they assembled. They were frequently joined by the Arkansas All-State band and friends from other states.

Fowler was nominated on Thursday by Don Buckalew of Texas, an AEB board member and past international director. Following Fowler's acceptance speech, the Arkansas delegation led a spirited demonstration that included almost everyone inside Chicago Stadium.

Earlier, on Wednesday, Arkansas' marching delegation, led by the band, made a very good showing as it paraded along Michigan Avenue. This year's cavalcade was the largest in Lions' history, needing more than six hours to pass the reviewing stand.

When not parading or demonstrating, the Arkansans were giving away campaign literature, attending a state's breakfast or caucus, or otherwise talking up Arkansas and the campaign. Although unopposed, the campaign continued throughout the week's activities until the voting took place Saturday.

Again this year numerous past District Governors from other states sought out Arkansas Lions to ask about the rehabilitation center. Some were guests for Visiting District Governor's Day as long ago as the mid-60's. Many made inquiries concerning former trainees or staff members they had met.

Fowler, who is now Arkansas' second international officer — Edward G. Barry Sr. was the other — begins an active tenure of five years in the Association's leadership structure. That includes a year — 1984 — as past president.

Workshops Slated

AEB will be host to two workshops this month for the Association of Rehabilitation Centers for the Blind, southeast region.

A vocational evaluation workshop and an executive director's workshop will be held Aug. 27 through 29 at the center. Lewis Strickland, director of the Addie McBryde Memorial Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Jackson, Miss., will be on hand as chairman of the association.

The sessions will mainly consist of a discussion of issues and problems in which centers in the region are confronted.

An estimated 2 million persons in the U. S. have glaucoma, and half don't know it. Early diagnosis and treatment can control glaucoma, which otherwise results in irreversible vision loss.

50TH COUNTRY — Monsur Ahmed Choudhuri's arrival at AEB this summer marked the 50th country, Bangladesh, that has been represented at AEB. Choudhuri, executive officer for the Bangladesh National Society for the Blind, is receiving three months of professional training. A graduate of the University of Dacca, he is the first blind person in his country to earn a master's degree. He is an executive member of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and serves as secretary for Assistance for Blind Children.

2811 Fair Park

Beeper baseballs, a water slide and amusement park rides all contributed to the success of a recent staff-trainee picnic at Burns Park in North Little Rock, an event that many people at the center hope will become annual. The staff transported trainees to the park, and cooks prepared a picnic lunch.

Robertine McCaffrey, affectionately known at the center as "Mrs. Mac," this summer attended her 50th high school reunion at El Dorado. Sixty-four of the 106 graduates were in attendance, and Mrs. Mac came back to her job as dorm supervisor bubbling over with tales and "reunion fever." Among those in attendance was her high school history teacher, A. J. Robinson, who at 100 is the oldest living active Lion in the world. A former member of the El Dorado Lions Club, he is now a member of the Saratoga, Calif., club.

AEB was well represented at the Helen Keller Centennial Congress in Boston in June, when about 2,000 professionals in the field of work for the blind convened for the event. Executive Director Jim Cordell and six staff members attended. Roy Kumpe, retired executive director, was also with the group. A former AEB employee, Louis Rives, administrator of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, received this year's National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired award which was presented there.

The self-acclaimed "world's greatest disc jockey," KLAZ's Craig O'Neal, scored a hit recently with one of AEB's former trainees, Ken West of Baton Rouge, La. West, who became a big fan of O'Neal while he was staying at the center, had high hopes of personally meeting the disc jockey before he left the center this summer. When O'Neal was informed of the request, he scheduled a time to meet and talk with Ken on the day of his departure.

Memorials

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Nathan Whitehead by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirby, Jr.

EKB

New officers elected to the EKB board of directors include Paul Seay of Dardanelle, chairman; Orval Bair of Horseshoe Bend, vice chairman; Harold Plank of Horseshoe Bend, secretary; Gerald Carr of Russellville, treasurer; W. K. Heard of Little Rock, re-elected to the board; and Dr. Jack Walters of For Smith and Freddie Joyce of Searcy, new board members.

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On a recent trip to Little Rock, the Osceola Lions Club visited the EKB office for a slide presentation, the Medical Center Transplant Unit and the Kidney House.

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Eleven morticians have been certified in Arkansas since the first of the year at two enucleation schools.

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Arkansas EKB ranked fourth in the amount of tissue acquired out of 14 eye banks in the South Central region. Arkansas has been selected to host the 1981 eye bank regional meeting in which five states will be represented.

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THREE CHAIRMEN — Arkansas was well represented this summer at the Helen Keller Centennial Congress in Boston, since three of its professionals in the field of blindness were asked to be chairmen of different sessions. From left are Max Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind; Louis Rives, administrator of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind. At the congress, Rives was named 1980's recipient of National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind award.

White Cane Week Set In October

The annual White Cane Week for Lions across the state is scheduled for Oct. 17 through 25, according to Carl Chambers, chairman of White Cane Sales.

The seals and posters can be ordered from AEB.

Funds raised during the event are used to help blind people and others who need assistance in correcting visual defects. The white cane on the seal is a symbol of mobility and independence.

The Sight Conservation Committee recommends that half of the money raised by the clubs be forwarded to the committee for division between AEB and the Eye and Kidney Bank, with the other half being used by the club.

Individual clubs determine what method of fund-raising to use, whether it is door-to-door, at shopping centers, at street intersections or through collection cans placed in local businesses.

Although the statewide publicity campaign for the event is Oct. 17 through 25, clubs can choose their own dates which will best fit their needs.

B-B-Q: Ya'll Come

The Forest Heights Lions Club in Little Rock will sponsor a barbeque chicken dinner on Saturday, Sept. 20, before the Razorback-Oklahoma State game at the pavilion near the War Memorial Swimming Pool.

The chicken and fixings will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat dinner are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Proceeds will go to AEB.

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It's been three years since AEB's Lion has had a bath, and Joe DuPlantis of the maintenance department figured he was due for another, a welcome relief for any animal that has survived Arkansas' summer temperatures. Actually, cleaning the lion was only a part of an overall "sprucing up" of the whole center in preparation for Visiting District Governors' Day on Aug. 23.

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BANQUET — Jeannine Gregory, AEB's coordinator of volunteers, hands a certificate to long-time volunteer Joe Trionfante at a banquet last month to honor the volunteers for their work last year. Trainees were in charge of the program and the entertainment.

Alumni News

Bob Wheeler (College Prep 1966) came back to AEB for a visit last month, his first time in the 14 years he has been away. Wheeler and his wife, Karen, stopped by while they were on vacation. They and their 3-year-old son live in Franklin, La., where he is a high school economics teacher. He is also serving his second term as a city councilman.

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Christy Gower (1980) of Memphis, Tenn., was married to Frank McKenna Bucker Aug. 29 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Memphis. Her husband is employed by John Younger Construction Co.

Practical Experiences Added To Forum

There's been some changes made in the Sight Conservation Forum, some the Sight Conservation Committee feel will enhance the Forum.

The most notable change is the date. Traditionally held the Sunday prior to Labor Day weekend (the Forum has followed the Visiting District Governors' Day in recent years, a factor that led to the date change), the Forum this year will be held Sept. 21. It will be held in conjunction with President's Day.

Another change is the agenda. Morning activities follow fairly closely to previous years. After opening remarks by Chairman J. D. Lewis, PDG of Forrest City, there will be a light bulb sales talk by Roy Kumpe, International Services for the Blind president; a White Cane Day promotion by Chairman Carl Chambers of Horseshoe Lake, and a report about the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired's work in the state by Louis Rives of Little Rock, OBVI administrator.

During the morning session there will be award presentations for outstanding club sight conservation work in each district, an explanation of the Edward G. Barry, Sr. Award, and a film, "Not Without Sight."

The major difference occurs in the afternoon. "Here's where we hope to attract the Lion's interest," said Lewis. "This is our best opportunity to inform him about our state projects and actually get him involved in them."

Those attending the Forum will be divided into six groups and each group will work approximately 20 minutes in six areas. (This part of the program borrows from President's Day.) The areas are orientation and mobility, workshop, personal management, and communication skills, all by AEB; an EKB station that will cover the work it is doing, and a booth for the Society to Prevent Blindness.

At each station, the members of the group will take part in hands-on activities. At the AEB stations, some work will be done under the blindfold. EKB will demonstrate equipment and explain the donor program.

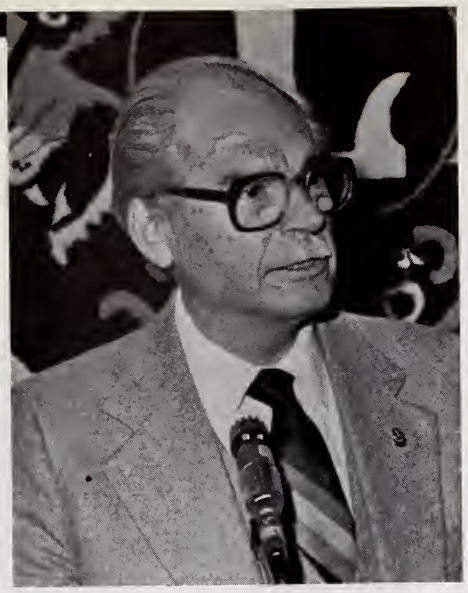
Lewis has asked each club to send its president, vice president, secretary and sight conservation chairman. He said a good turn out for the Forum will help raise the necessary money to support the state projects.

Got Any News?

If you have any items or ideas for future articles, please let us know. We also welcome comments about the AEB program or articles which have been in past issues of **New Life.** Please call Jim Davis or Judy Williams at 664-7100, or write us at 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, Ark. 72204.

PRESENTATION — AEB President Don Freel (top) presents the first Governors' Day Award to Bill Holbrook (left), district governor of 12-L in Tennessee, and Past District Governor Ken Hanna of Paris, Tenn. The permanent award, which bears the name of Tennessee's District 12-L for 1979-80, will be given each year to a district, sub-district or club outside Arkansas which has given outstanding support to AEB. At center, International President Bill Chandler pins the coveted International President's Award on the lapel of Jim Cordell, AEB executive director, during the program on Governors' Day.

STANDING OVATION — George Ros member of the Little Rock Founders L Club for 60 years, is applauded by fel Lions when he walks down the aisle tc accept his International President's Av from Bill Chandler (at left). Right: Gue at the Aug. 23 event watch as an AEB instructor and trainee give an orientat and mobility demonstration.



DISTRICT GOVERNORS' DAY

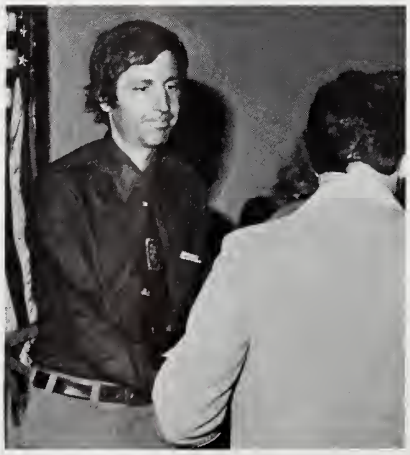
SPEAKERS — Dr. Robert McCullough (left), Past International President from Oklahoma, accepts the challenge to support AEB in a speech following one by International Third Vice President Jim Fowler (right). Fowler issued the challenge to the visiting Lions.

2811 Fair Park

Billie Elder, a staff member at AEB since 1964, received a pleasant surprise while attending a national meeting of the American Council of the Blind in Louisville, Ky., in July. A long-time advocate in the field of blindness, she received the organization's Outstanding Volunteer award. For the past two years, Billie has been AEB's field consultant, working with rehabilitation counselors across the country.

When AEB President Don Freel came for his weekly Monday visit recently, he brought with him about 20 of Hope's finest watermelons to be split and eaten by the staff and trainees during afternoon coffee break. The watermelons, donated by the Lions clubs in Hope for the last several years, have become a traditional feast at the center.

AEB last month awarded scholarships to five of the 15 students who graduated from the 20th College Preparatory summer program. A total of $600 in cash scholarships was donated by the Delta Gamma society and the Arkansas Quazar Chapter of the American Council of the Blind. Scholarship recipients were Mary Shinn of Osceola, $200 outstanding student award; Pam Johnson of Little Rock, $150 women's dorm representative; Steve Trammell of Muskogee, Okla., $150 men's dorm representative; Sonai Anderson of Bogalusa, La., $50 most improved student award; and Maynard Bilton of Monroe, La., $50 most improved student award. Above, Dr. John Lammers, instructor for the program, hands out a graduation certificate.



A good turn usually elicits another. In the case of Robert Choate of Judsonia, the good turns keep being repeated. Choate, who went through personal adjustment training at AEB in 1975, and his son "Bubbles" have shown their gratitude on several occasions to AEB staff members by inviting them for a free meal at the family-owned Bubbles Choate's Catfish House in Judsonia. The latest invitation was on Aug. 19, and about 70 of the staff took advantage of that delectable southern meal, catfish and hushpuppies. Following the dinner, Robert and Bubbles Choate were given the AEB Ambassador of Goodwill award.

Arkansas Council For The Blind Assumes Blind Advocate Role

(Editor's note — There are several organizations in Arkansas that offer services for blind people. This article on the Arkansas affiliate of the American Council of the Blind begins a four-part series on these agencies.)

The 10-year-old Arkansas affiliate of the American Council of the Blind is a consumer-related organization with a membership largely composed of blind and visually impaired people.

The number of members fluctuates from 150 to 200 people. The affiliate is divided into chapters in Little Rock, Fayetteville and El Dorado, and members elect a slate of officers and board of directors who govern the entire affiliate.

"What we primarily try to communicate is our concern and interest in programs and activities that would benefit blind citizens in Arkansas," said Bill Tomlin, a state rehabilitation counselor for the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired who is ACB president. "We cooperate with agencies such as AEB and the School for the Blind because we figure it's a team effort to work for the blind. Still, we try to stand as an autonomous organization."

According to Tomlin, who is blind, "there's hardly anything related to blindness" that his organization doesn't address.

ACB is concerned with employment opportunities, satisfactory transportation systems, housing and health needs for the blind.

Recently, Tomlin has been working directly with Gov. Bill Clinton and Gail Huecker, executive director of the state Human Services Department, to encourage a policy to hire visually impaired employees in state positions, setting an example for other employees.

ACB is also concerned about a law enacted two years ago to force the acceptance of blind children into public schools. The law doesn't address the fact that Arkansas is a rural state and that many districts may have only one or two blind students in their systems, not making it feasible to budget money for specialized instructors in areas such as braille or mobility, Tomlin explained.

Another issue important to ACB is that of older blind people in the state who often are placed in nursing homes because there isn't adequate funding for housing for them.

The chapters Arkansas meet every other month, the board meets quarterly, and a statewide meeting is held annually.

"We are probably one of the most active chapters for our size on the national level," Tomlin said.

There are several fund-raising events throughout the year, including a cabaret which will be held in September at AEB. A handicraft sale was scheduled Aug. 15 and 16 at University Mall in Little Rock.

Proceeds from the events support a number of service projects. ACB has pledged $600 to the recently formed Arkansas Radio Reading Service. The money earned is also used to support the Arkansas Association of Blind Athletes and an annual state convention.

Tomlin said that although his organization may not be as vocal as some of the other organizations serving the blind, it is making quiet, but important improvements for blind citizens in the state.

By-Lions

AEB extends a special thanks to the Trumann Lions Club for forwarding a donation of $200 to the center. Harry M. Hill, president of the club, explained that Mrs. Maurice McCarty of Jonesboro gave the money to the Trumann Lions to be used in a worthy service project. "Due to the excellent work and need at AEB we are this day forwarding her check to you," Hill wrote to AEB.

Bill Teague, a 14-year member of the Trumann Lions Club, is the 1979 recipient of the Edward G. Barry, Sr., Award in recognition of his sight conservation work. For the past five years, Teague has been active in sight conservation efforts. He was instrumental in his club's efforts to raise $13,500 for sight conservation during this time.

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Who's a 30-year Lion, draws editorial cartoons, sells the original to the Governor for $50, and contributes the money to AEB? Robert C. Drebelbis of Harrison, that's who, and not just once, but twice this year. A member of the Harrison Evening Lions, Drebelbis has drawn a couple of cartoons this year of special interest to Gov. Clinton. The governor purchased the original "Dreb" cartoon and Lion Drebelbis contributed the money to AEB. Thanks, Lion "Dreb."

Bill Teague

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White Cane Week Oct. 17-25

Conservation Chairman Expects Better Results From White Cane

Long neglected by Arkansas Lions as a fund raiser is White Cane Day. For a variety of reasons White Cane Day has never caught on among Arkansas' 7,200 Lions.

This year's chairman, PDG Carl Chambers of Horseshoe Lake, plans on things being different.

"We're looking for more participation by our Lions," he said. "I think it's very important for every club to have a White Cane event. It's some of the best P. R. that a Lions club can generate."

Reported results (that which was turned in to the state conservation committee on a 50-50 basis) were down almost 40 percent in 1980 from '79. The '79 campaign showed more than $6,000 turned in to the committee while in '80 only $3,700 was reported.

"There might be several reasons for the drop," Chambers speculated, "from clubs keeping more of the money for their local sight conservation projects to turning in the money directly to AEB, EKB, or Mid-South. Our main goal is that the money goes for sight conservation work."

(Funds forwarded to the state committee are divided between AEB and EKB in District L and I, and between AEB, EKB, and Mid-South Sight Service in O,N and S.)

Chambers pointed out that District L appears to have the best results with several Hot Springs clubs annually taking leading roles. Both the Hot Springs Village Evening and Breakfast Lions hold their White Cane in March during racing season. Together they reported more than $850 last year, more than $1,500 since '79.

In I the Bentonville-Bella Vista and Russellville Evening Lions have successful White Cane efforts. Horseshoe Lake, the home club of Chairman Chambers, annually reports one of the best efforts in the state. The club holds a road block on Labor Day and has forwarded more than $952 over the last two years.

Chambers said the key to a successful White Cane Day is hard work, but he quickly added that "it's worth the effort."

This year Arkansas Lions will have October 17 through 25 as the official White Cane dates. However, each club is urged to select the date best suited to its region.

Location for collecting funds is another matter that should be selected with local conditions in mind. The Hot Springs Village clubs have a built-in advantage in March because of the racing fans who stay in the village. Clubs in larger cities have the advantage of large shopping centers and the crowds they draw. Smaller towns favor the road block.

"Again," Chambers reiterated, "the decision as to when belongs with the club. The committee just hopes every club will have a White Cane Day project."

EKB

Leroy Skouby, representative of the Eye Bank Association of America and president of the south central region, was a guest speaker at an orientation day for new board members and their wives recently at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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Lion Gearl Atchley of Green Forest is in the process of organizing donor card booths for upcoming fairs throughout the state. Corneal and kidney recipients are being contacted to assist with the booths. District governors have been asked to help contact clubs to help sponsor booths.

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New EKB brochures are now available in the office at 4301 W. Markham St. in Little Rock.

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Alumni News

Susan L. Dunn (1970 and 1978) of Langley Park, Md., was featured recently in an article in the Washington Star. The article, about her horseback riding hobby, explained that she rides with the help of radio devices posted at several places. She wears an antenna in her riding helmet to activate the instruments which then emit a signal. The device was perfected by two mechanical engineering students at the University of Maryland. A horse lover since childhood, Dunn lost her vision in 1969 when she fell from a horse while making a jump.

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Laurie Allman (1979) visited the center over the Labor Day weekend. A graduate of the AEB medical transcriptionist vocational program, she is employed at the Metropolitan Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, as a medical transcriptionist. She ranks second in production in the six-person office and will soon be moving into her own apartment.

Two more graduates of the May 1980 Computer Programming vocational course have been employed. **Steve Ray** has accepted employment as a programmer with Michigan & Nebraska Transit Company in Kalamazoo, Mich., his hometown. **Anne Kelly** of Greenville, S. C., began work last month as a programmer at Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Greenville.

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Sandra Brown Letscher (1972) of Waltham, Mass., died Aug. 6 in Massachusettes. She had been employed as a taxpayer service representative for IRS in Boston and was also manager of the Program for the Employment of the Handicapped at the IRS Center in the Boston district offices. She previously had worked at Hill Air Force Base and the IRS Center in Ogden, Utah. She was selected Handicapped Person of the Year in 1977 at IRS in Ogden. She was married in 1979.

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Claudio Neira (1972) of Cuenca, Ecuador, spent three weeks in the U.S. this summer and brought his wife, Vertha, to AEB for a visit, his first time to return to the center since his training. Neira is a lawyer and a teacher at the school for the blind in Cuenca.

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Lucia Canizares (1978) of Columbia also made a trip to AEB this summer. Canizares, of Bogota, was a professional trainee at the center and obtained a master's degree in rehabilitation from UALR while she was in training. She works in Medellin, Columbia, with grant projects dealing with parents of blind and partially sighted children, with older adult blind persons and with hearing impaired children.

KUMPE FELLOWS — Two Oklahomans, Margaret Smalley and David Anson, spent the week of Sept. 15 through 19 at AEB observing the training program as AEB's latest Kumpe Fellowship recipients. Smalley is employed as a counselor in the state Visual Services Department in Oklahoma City and Anson is supervising counselor at the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute in Oklahoma City. The fellowship was established in 1978 in honor of Roy Kumpe upon his retirement as AEB's executive director.

By-Lions

President Don Thurman of the Eureka Springs Lions Club reports a successful "Radio Days" fund-raising event held in late August. With the help of KTHS Radio Station and local merchants, the club raised $1,830.

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The Fairfield Bay Lions Club Ladies Night on Sept. 11 attracted 240 Lions and Lionesses for a steak dinner. Following the event, the club presented Jim Davis, community relations director at AEB, with a check for $100 in honor of trainees Peggy Willingham of Reston, Va., and Ralph Morris of Pine Bluff, who were on the program. Peggy presented some musical selections and Ralph spoke about his personal experiences at AEB.

Herb Maas:

Engineer, Colonel, Outdoorsman

You could tell that Herb Maas was newly blinded and unsure of himself. Each step was uncertain with a slow caution, as if he were expecting some object to be in front of his every footstep.

On March 31 of this year, Maas found himself touring AEB with his wife and relatives, a place that was to become his home for the next several months. A man who always follows through with something once he has made up his mind, Herb was still apprehensive about leaving his wife and comfortable retirement home in the small town of Mangum, Okla.

It had been only four months since a hunting accident had left him with total loss of vision. After recovering in the hospital, he still had to recuperate at home from the natural state of depression following blindness before he could consider rehabilitation.

Familiar with AEB, his eye surgeon in Oklahoma City had strongly urged that he enter training at the center as soon as possible before he had time to develop any bad habits.

What can a 57-year-old retired civil engineer and Army colonel — who has been spending his time hunting and fishing and boating and traveling the Oklahoma back roads in his four-wheel drive — expect to gain from rehabilitation?

Herb's number one concern was to improve his mobility, or traveling, skills so that he wouldn't be so dependent on his wife and friends. He also wanted to learn communication skills such as braille and typing.

Beyond that, he hoped to get some practical advice that would help him arrange his tackle box and his tools in his workshop. He was also on the lookout for activities that he could engage in back home that are not sight-oriented.

Maas had experienced some visual loss from a hunting accident in 1968 in Virginia when he was hunting grouse. A gunshot wound damaged his left eye, leaving it with peripheral vision only.

The second hunting accident occured in November when he was hunting quail on a ranch near Mangum with a friend.

"My friend was shooting at quail and couldn't see me," he recounted. "His shot went through the reeds where I was standing about 50 feet away and hit my head. Seventy of the shots are still in my head."

After nine days in the hospital, Maas woke up. "The first thing I remember was the psychiatrist asking me to count down from 100 by sevens. Have you ever tried to count by sevens? He was trying to see if my mind was okay." His brain wasn't damaged, but the gunshot left both of his retinas completely useless.

Herb Maas

Misfortune was not new to Maas. Just the summer before, he had open heart surgery after having a heart attack on his birthday. The hunting accident occurred on his wife's birthday.

"We don't look forward to celebrating birthdays anymore," Herb joked.

Maas's memory, however, has one bright spot surrounding the incident. A week before the accident, Herb spent his last rifle shot he would ever make bagging an eight-point buck. "It took one shot from 250 yards away. I broke his neck," he explained.

Born and raised in Vernon, Tex., Maas graduated from Texas A & M as a mechanical engineering major. During World War II, he was drafted into the Army and was stationed at Ft. Bellvoir in Virginia. He served as a weapons instructor and an engineer in research and development during the war.

After being released from active duty in the Army, he accepted a job as a civilian engineer there in research and development. He developed and wrote specifications for shipping and storage techniques that could be done by delivery in cases of air, beach or normal transportation. The job entailed a great deal of travel because testing stations were located from the Arctic to the Tropics. He headed a branch of 32 people who tested such equipment as bulldozers, cranes, land mines and explosive devices.

Maas retired as an engineer in 1977, and left the Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Workers For The Blind Promotes Professionalism Of Membership

(Editor's note — There are several organizations in Arkansas that offer services for blind people. This article on the Arkansas chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind is the second in a series of four articles on these organizations.)

Jerry Nichols, assistant administrator for field operations for the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, hopes to improve communication between the different professionals and different organizations which work for and serve blind people in Arkansas.

Nichols is the newly elected president of the Arkansas chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB). He succeeds outgoing president Jim Cordell, AEB's executive director.

Organized in 1969, the Arkansas chapter averages between 80 and 100 members. It has the same goals of the national organization — to stimulate and provide leadership to agencies and workers in the field of blindness. The non-profit organization includes those working professionally in prevention of blindness and service to persons with any serious degree of visual defect and concerned volunteers.

Arkansas is in the five-state southwest region of AAWB, which includes Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico. The Arkansas chapter hosted the first regional meeting to be held, and last month was the host of this year's regional meeting in Hot Springs. State chapters of AAWB have annual membership meetings, and regional and national meetings are held every two years to promote professional education seminars and to discuss new developments in the field.

At the Hot Springs meeting, Louis Rives, a former AEB staff member and administrator of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, was awarded the Roy Kumpe regional award for his outstanding service in blindness. Dr. Robert McLean, chairman of the mathematics department at Loyola University at New Orleans, was given the regional President's Award. The state Superior Service Award went to Jim Cordell.

Arkansas has three past national AAWB presidents, Louis Rives, Howard Hanson and Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind, an AEB affiliate.

Elizabeth McKee at AEB

AEB Involved In China Exchange

AEB is expected to be involved in an unprecedented exchange program in the field of rehabilitation between the U.S. and China in 1981.

Officials from the American Foundation for the Blind and the China Association for the Blind and Deaf are making final plans for the reciprocal visits of experts in the field of blindness and rehabilitation.

Tentative plans call for a group of eight Chinese to visit the U.S. in May 1981 for a series of lectures and seminars in five cities in the U.S. AEB is one of the sites chosen for the tour.

Elizabeth McKee, a U.S. volunteer of special international projects who is helping coordinate the exchange, was at AEB this summer to discuss the plans with Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind, an AEB affiliate. Kumpe has been invited to be among the eight Americans who will visit China in mid-October 1981.

The group of Chinese experts in the areas of prevention of eye disease, education and occupational training, and labor and employment organizations of the blind will get an overview of high technology used in education, career development and job retention of the visually impaired in the U.S.

McKee said the tour, designed to advance the quality of life for the visually impaired and blind populations of both countries, is the first and most exciting reciprocal exchange in the field of rehabilitation that has been arranged by non-government officials.

She said Little Rock will be an ideal tour site because it is the location of the rehabilitation center and the State School for the Blind, as well as other agencies serving the blind

The program will appropriately occur in 1981, which has been declared International Year of Disabled Persons.

Aid Allows Print Access

One of the specialized training programs at AEB makes it possible for a person with no reading vision to have access to printed material that is not available in braille or on tape.

The training is provided on the Optacon, a portable electronic device. Whereas blind people in the past had to rely on reading material that was transcribed for them or read to them, the Optacon opens a new avenue to print. Its accessories give a blind person a method of reading a computer terminal screen, proofreading on a manual typewriter and reading a calculator. Thus, the training makes a vocational and educational impact in the field of blindness.

So far this year, about 20 people have been trained at AEB on the Optacon. Jan Lynch, the instructor, works on a one-to-one basis with each trainee. Following the 50-hour course, a person can read from 11 to 20 words per minute. At the end of a year of using the Optacon, a person usually reads from 40 to 60 words per minute. The extra training is availalbe at a cost of $500 for the course.

The Optacon operates by use of a camera that moves across a line of print and an electronic device which processes signals from the camera. A tactile array simultaneously provides raised, vibrating, enlarged reprotions of whatever the camera sees. As the user moves the camera across a line of print with one hand, he of she feels raised vibrating print, one letter at a time, passing under the index finger of the hand resting on the tactile array. It provides immediate and independent access to printed material. Development of the aid was spurred 10 years ago by Dr. John Linvill, head of the Stanford University electrical engineering department. Dr. Linvill became interested in developing a reading device after watching his daughter, Candy, who is blind, progress through the public school system in California. Mrs. Linvill did the major portion of converting Candy's school books into braille, and the Linvills had a first-hand knowledge of the enormity of the task of making the written word available to those without vision.

READER — Nancy Stockton, a Computer Programmer student from Austin, Tex., uses the Optacon to read a paperback novel. Stockton, who is totally blind, also uses the aid to read a computer terminal screen. She scans the screen or the printed page with a small camera which she is holding in her right hand. At the same time, she feels raised, vibrating print passing under the index finger of her left hand which is resting on the tactile array.

With his efforts, Telesensory Systems, Inc., was established to find a new reading method for blind people. After developing the Optacon (OPtical to TActile CONverter) TSI has focused on developing and manufacturing other electric devices designed to minimize the limitations imposed by physical disabilities.

TSI is in its final stages of developing an accessory to provide spoken word output for the Optacon.

AEB's Optacon, instructional material and training for an instructor — representing a cost of about $8,000 — was provided by The Seeing Eye, Inc., a private, non-profit organization.

Trust Names AEB

AEB this summer became the sole beneficiary of a trust valued at slightly more than $50,000 established by the estate of the late Mary Frances Knittle of Pine Bluff.

Knittle died in Pine Bluff in 1978, and her will called for the establishment of the trust. The National Bank of Commerce of Pine Bluff is the trustee of the estate.

Proceeds from the perpetual trust will be administered by the center's board of directors. Annual proceeds from the trust is expected to be approximately $5,000.

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AEB will be well represented during the next two years in the state chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Four staff members were elected to board positions last month at the southwest regional AAWB meeting in Hot Springs. They are Ramona Sangalli, president-elect; Amy Pais, secretary; Jeff Weiss, treasurer; and John Clapp, board member. Lila Lampkin was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the region. During the meeting, AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell, outgoing state president, received the Superior Service Award, an award given by the chapter every year to an Arkansan who has displayed outstanding work in the field of blindness.

A quartet from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra provided a change of pace on the program for one of AEB's large group sessions in September. The performance included selections from Mendelssohn, Brahms and Beethoven, with a final rendition of "Turkey in the Straw." Trainees meet once or twice a week in the auditorium before lunch for a scheduled program, usually provided by a community figure or group.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

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Sight Conservation Awards Presented

The annual sight conservation awards for 1979-80 were announced on Aug. 21 during the Sight Conservation Forum and President's Day at AEB.

First, second and third place awards were given in each Arkansas district. Winning clubs were chosen on the basis of the amount of sight conservation work performed during the year in areas such as White Cane and eye glass purchases and examinations. Of the 62 clubs reporting on their sight conservation activities, approximately $104,000 was reported spent on sight projects.

J. D. Lewis, Sight Conservation Committee chairman, presented awards to the following clubs:

District 7-L — Hot Springs Downtown, first; DeQueen, second; and Hot Springs Village Breakfast, third.

District 7-I — Bentonville-Bella Vista, first; Fayetteville Evening, second; Fayetteville Noon, third.

District 7-O — Trumann, first; Cherokee Village, second; Marked Tree, third.

District 7-N — Wynne, first; Heber Springs, second; Carlisle, third.

District 7-S — Whitehall, first; Pine Bluff Evening, second; North Little Rock, third.

In a sight conservation questionnaire returned by 62 clubs, results indicated the following expenditures during the year: $28,148.51, glasses and eye examinations; $84.07, operations and remedial care; 27 white canes purchased; $47,398, contributions to AEB; $14,819.25, contributions to Eye and Kidney Bank; $1,824, contributions to Mid-South; $11,732.08, White Cane Day sales.

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Small Engine Repair: Another Vocational Course

Editorial

The Real Tragedy

While reading a recent Sunday ARKANSAS GAZETTE, I came across an article by Dr. James F. Drane headlined, "Real Tragedy Isn't Blindness But In Failure To Accomplish Things In Life." I was immediately intrigued as to what the writer had to say on this subject. He was writing about a blind person in England who had had his sight restored after 52 years and the individual's powerlessness to retain the self-esteem he had developed as a blind person. Now his achievements were ordinary where before they were significant. As a sighted person he was undistinguished, but as a blind person he had been much admired for overcoming his handicap. Not somebody special anymore, he died from depression in little over a year.

Dr. Drane's article has real meaning for AEB and the Lions. He wrote in one part, ". . . I understand that those to be pitied are not the blind, but the sighted who have not accomplished anything with their lives. The real human tragedy is not blindness, but uselessness. The real loss is not sight, but self-esteem.

"The human person has to do something significant with his life, or life will become an unbearable drudgery and an unrelenting humiliation. Depression is one of the most common painful consequence of a sense that one's life is going by and nothing is being accomplished. Without accomplishment there is no self-esteem, and consequently no happiness; even life's most intense pleasures have a bitter quality."

Perhaps we all can agree that nothing is more depressing and humiliating than our inability to accomplish something. This is true for everyone. An accomplishment doesn't have to be an earthshaking, newspaper-headlined, TV-reported event. A goal set and then achieved can "fill the bill." Whether you are handicapped or non-handicapped, it's the same.

Since AEB and its numerous supporters are primarily interested in the blind and visually impaired, let's look at this subject from their standpoint. No one wants to be blind. No one at AEB wants anyone to be blind. No Lion wants anyone to be blind. Those who are, however, deserve a tangible opportunity to achieve a meaningful goal.

The accomplishment of living an independent life is one good example. Not having to depend on someone else for life's every little thing, but having the skills of mobility, techniques of daily living, communication and grooming. There's also the thrill of earning one's way and supporting a family. This comes about through comprehensive vocational training that provides the necessary job skills to compete in the employment world.

Depression, as described by Dr. Drane, isn't limited to the sighted, nor to the blind who are fortunate enough to regain their sight. It's just as real to the blind who are blocked in every attempt to accomplish a goal. Thanks to the Lions and their sponsorship of AEB, many are realizing their potential through psycho-social counseling, personal adjustment, pre-vocational and vocational training. The real tragedy is that more are not afforded the same opportunity.

— **Jim Davis**, Editor

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On The Cover

Over the years, a variety of careers have opened to blind people — vocations that don't fit into t' stereotypic mold of jobs visually impaired people can perform. AEB has been the pioneer of many of these breakthroughs. The latest vocational course offering at the center is Small Engine Repair. On the cover, Pierre Curry of Gonzales, La., a student in the class, works on a lawn mower engine. The story is on Page 7.

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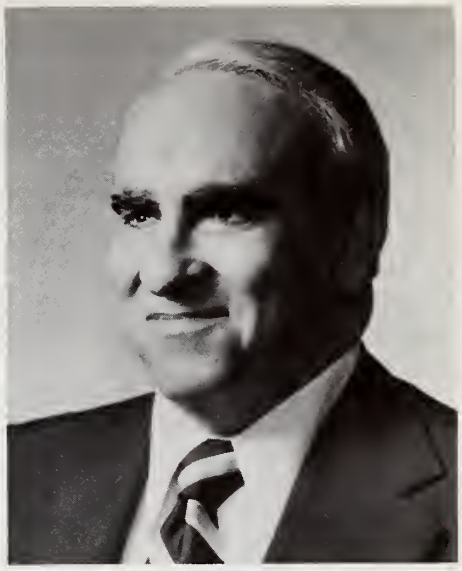
Communications Tool

AEB instructor Casey Christenberry [left] demonstrates how trainees will use coin operated telephones which were donated to the center by Southwestern Bell. Looking on are [from left]: Eva Golden, of Southwestern Bell; Ramona Sangalli, AEB educational coordinator; and Jim Grady of Southwestern Bell.



Louis Rives

Louis Rives Retires As Administrator

Louis Rives, administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired and a former AEB staff member, will retire Nov. 14. He and his wife, Marcelia, will then move to Arizona.

The AEB board of directors is hosting an appreciation catfish dinner on Nov. 19 at Woody's Sherwood Forest. Tickets, which may be purchased from any board member or at AEB, are $9 each. The Lions are encouraged to attend.

Rives was named administrator in November 1975 by Gov. David Pryor. Before that, he served as director of research and staff development at AEB for 1¼ years. For 31 years he worked with various federal agencies, including the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration and the Operations Division of the Office of Civil Rights.

He has served as president of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired (NAC) and the American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB).

He has received a number of awards over the years, including the Certificate of Merit for outstanding service to the government of the U.S. in 1974, the Shotwell Distinguished Service Award in 1969 from AAWB, and most recently, AAWB's Roy Kumpe southwest regional award and the 1980 NAC award.

Coordinator's Work Often A 'Sales' Job

Debbie Waller talks about her job.

When Debbie Waller graduated from Henderson State University, working in the field of blindness, and especially in vocational evaluation, never crossed the mind of the Camden native.

Her plans called for using her degree in home economics and marketing as a means of developing a career in private industry.

But here she is, at AEB, coordinator of the rehabilitation center's vocational evaluation and training programs, assisting blind and visually impaired persons to identify a career goal and work towards it.

Debbie's years in marketing have not been lost, nor misused. They come in very handy as she helps trainees follow an idea which they feel would be beneficial. "I don't force an idea on anyone; I use my persuasive powers and my knowledge," is how she explained it, "to make sure they are aware of what's available."

Those same skills are useful when dealing with an employer. "I guess in a way all rehabilitation work is selling handicapped people on a different way of functioning. All of us probably, day to day, are using some type of marketing skills, even though some have not had the training."

Getting into work for the blind started in 1970 when Debbie joined AEB's staff as a home management instructor. Later she taught alpha communicative techniques, typing and the Optacon, the latter after taking training in Palo Alto, Calif. She helped set up the curriculum for the Civil Service Information Specialist course, a spinoff of the Taxpayer Service Representative training.

At this point — August 1973 — Debbie left AEB for two years, returning again as the instructor for the CSIS course and field representative for the older blind project. In January 1977, she was named coordinator of vocational services.

Later in 1977, she was granted an educational leave of absence to work on a master's degree in vocational evaluation at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"Today it's somewhat easier to get a master's in vocational evaluation," she said. "A number of other schools are offering the same program. The University of Wisconsin-Stout was the first."

Debbie believes the route she took is the best. "Vocational evaluation is a relatively new field, approximately 12 years old. I feel if a person wo several years in rehabilitation and a experience like I did during my e years at AEB, then goes into a mast program, they will be much be prepared as they can apply t' ht t are learning to practical experienc she said.

Experience is a word Debbie use describe a major problem facing m of the trainees she works with. "T have never gone out before and t to seek a job. We have to prepare th for this type of role. They must prepared to sell themselves to employer and in turn the employer to be sold on the fact that the bl person is quite capable of functior in many ways as a sighted person

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a sighted person's job and give to the blind individual, in essence switch out tasks to where the blind person is functioning 100 percent all day long. So it's a selling job — selling the employer on the benefits of hiring a handicapped person."

Where does she get her greatest assistance from AEB's staff "I think the sharing of information and ideas from the people who are working with the trainee in personal adjustment and pre-vocational training is helpful. The communication among the staff at AEB is extremely important as far as setting goals to accomplish with a trainee and actually following through."

Space is one thing Debbie lists as a major need for vocational evaluation and training at AEB. After more room, equipment like the type the individual would work with once on the job is needed. "Yet," she pointed out with pride, "we continue doing a fine job. There are people in this program changing every day and developing into their full potential. Sometimes there aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done. But it's very rewarding work, both personally and professionally. It's a challenge, training people for non-stereotypic jobs."

When not at AEB, Debbie spends her free time reading, decorating, cooking, and participating in professional and civic organizations.

By-Lions

If barbecue is your choice and you like everything done in a big way, you don't have to go to Texas. The Trumann Lions Club has an annual barbecue that's hard to beat. This year's event was their fourth and they fed approximately 2,500 customers from Trumann and the surrounding communities. According to PDG L. B. Baker, 3,000 pounds of fresh ham were fixed, 900 pounds of cabbage used for the slaw, and 400 pounds of beans prepared. Bill Teague, last year's recipient of the Edward G. Barry Award, is the event's general chairman.

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The Horseshoe Bend Lions Club held a "Glaucoma Day" in October and examined 130 persons in the Horseshoe Bend area. PDG Dr. Ronald Hall of Paragould and his assistant, Barbara Cox, donated their services. Lionesses served coffee and cookies. There were five doctor referrals made.

White Cane Week got off to a good start in Central Arkansas. Helping promote the annual affair were Little Rock's television and radio stations. Guests from the Little Rock Founders Lions Club were on the "Dialing for Dollars," "Good Morning, Arkansas" and "Eye On Arkansas" shows for television, and public service spots announcements could be heard on several of the city's radio stations. The North Little Rock McCain Mall Lions included a demonstration of electronic aids for the blind in their White Cane effort at McCain Mall.

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The Harrison Noon Lions Club has announced its annual contributions to AEB and the Eye and Kidney Bank. Donations to AEB totaled $1,725 and EKB totaled $414. A major fund-raising project of the club is a flag program which places American flags in front of participating local business establishments on 10 recognized holidays during the year.

SCREENING — PDG Dr. Ronald Hall of Paragould examines a Horseshoe Bend resident during "Glaucoma Day" sponsored by the Horeshoe Bend Lions Club last month. Standing by are his assistant, Barbara Cox, and Lion Herbert Althaus, the club's sight conservation chairman.

Accreditation Council Brings New Standards To Blind Field

[Editor's note — There are several organizations with Arkansas affiliation that offer services for blind people. This article on the National Accreditation Council is the third in a series of four articles on these organizations.]

The National Accreditation Council (NAC), formed in 1964, brought about a new era in the field of blindness, according to Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind and a NAC board member.

"The amazing thing is that for 150 years this country never had an accreditation agency of services for the blind," he said.

NAC, he explained, is filling a need to see that blind people receive quality service. "It's a protection for the blind and the people who support the blind."

The volunteer council, made up of 39 board members who largely represent consumer organizations of the blind, establishes standards to accredit agencies serving the blind and visually handicapped.

The council is the result of a five-year study, funded by a grant, that was conducted by more than 100 professionals who worked in the field of blindness, from volunteer and public agencies, educational systems and rehabilitation centers. Kumpe and Max Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, served on the Commission of Advancement of Standards, the study team.

Louis Rives, who retires this month as the administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, has recently completed two terms as president of the council.

Three agencies serving the blind in Arkansas — AEB, the School for the Blind and the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, are accredited by the council. Three organizations in the state sponsor the council: Arkansas affiliate of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, the Arkansas Council of the Blind and International Services for the Blind.

The accreditation process includes a self study conducted by the agency requesting accreditation. The study must include such information as the purpose of the agency, a personnel file on its employees, a financial statement, kinds of services involved, facilities available and a yearly and long-range report.

An on-site committee makes an evaluation of the agency, writes a report and makes recommendations of improvement. The council has the option of denying accreditation, or recommending accreditation for up to five years. AEB, one of the first agencies serving the blind and visually impaired to be approved, has been reaccredited on three consecutive occasions.

All the members of the accredited organizations and board of directors meet once a year to review programs. This year's president of the council is Otis Stevens, a blind person who is chairman of the political science department at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Alumni News

Cecila Savignac deVarthaliti (1968) writes that she and her husband, a retired commercial attache of Belgium, have moved to a retirement center in Cuernavaca. She invites her friends to communicate with her and visit her when in Mexico. Her address is Apartado 1580, Cuernavaca, MOR. Mexico.

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Richard Bently (1970) is now operating a vending stand at Carl Albert Memorial Hospital in Ada, Okla. It's an 80-bed, 220-employee hospital. He has been appointed to the Oklahoma Vendors Advisory Committee. He would like to hear from trainees who were here in 1970.

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Helena Maria Paloma (1976) has returned to AEB as a professional trainee after studying English. She originally came to AEB for personal adjustment and then returned to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to instruct braille at a private school for the blind.

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Lewis Beard (1980), a graduate of the last Computer Programming class, has accepted employment at the University of Arkansas Medical Center. He started as a computer operator with the opportunity to move into computer programming.

AEB Pioneers Another New Vocational Field: Small Engine Repair

Many programs at AEB evolve because a need was expressed, the need was explored, then it was found worthy of inclusion in the training program.

Such was the case with AEB's latest vocational course to be added to the curriculum, small engine repair.

About this time last year, a trainee came to the center with an interest to repair small engines so that he could return to his rural community and set up a shop. The training was offered on an individual basis by one of the shop instructors, Murry Loring.

Following his training, AEB contacted rehabilitation counselors about the availability of such a training course to see if there was interest among blind persons. When the interest was shown, the center formally announced the new vocational course and in September accepted two trainees in the first formal class.

INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS

The training generally runs from three to four months, depending on the trainee's ability and the types of small engines to be covered. It includes instruction in the repair of a variety of small engines. The types covered include lawn mowers, tillers, chain saws, go-carts and small outboard motors. The course includes small business management training to prepare the trainee to set up his own shop.

Albert Pais, who has an extensive mechanical and maintenance background, teaches the class of three trainees. Pais, who owns and operates a poultry farm at Avilla, is the husband of Amy Pais, AEB's coordinator of adjustment services. He conducts the class for four hours a day.

All three of the trainees in the program have low vision and have had some mechanical background.

So far, Pais has reviewed terms and tools with them, and the men have torn apart non-repairable engines in order to identify their parts. Last month, they began trouble-shooting work on the repairable engines. The non-working engines have been donated to the class for practical experience. Pais is still looking for donations, and anyone who has a donation should contact AEB.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

In teaching visually impaired students, Pais said he basically teaches them to lay out their parts and tools and to return them to their proper places each time after use in order to avoid confusion. He also asks students to go through a mental process each time they're working on an engine in case their visual loss might cause them to miss something that a sighted person could visually check.

LOOKING ON — Albert Pais, instructor for the Small Engine Repair course, gives a demonstration on an outboard motor while two of his students, John Williamson [center] of Piedmont, Mo., and Pierre Curry of Gonzales, La., observe.

"Once they get the fundamentals, it's then just shop work," Pais said. "If I can teach them the fundamentals, then they can learn to use their heads. There's no way I can teach them every brand of small engines."

He stresses the practical experience of shop work, pointing out: "Don't let anyone fool you. You can't learn mechanics from a manual."

STUDY SESSIONS

Manuals are, however, part of the class work, since they are often used for reference. Trainees have study sessions of the manuals in the evenings by using the closed circuit viewing readers to enlarge the print.

Safety precautions, such as watching gasoline spillage, are the same ones that would be taught to sighted students.

Pais is concerned the his trainees leave the course as proficient repairmen, or be especially proficient in at least one type of small engine repair.

"The fact is, I'm hoping that they're good at it. If they make a mistake, since they're visually impaired, some people are going to blame it on their impairment. A sighted professional could make the same mistake, and the customer would just call it a mistake."

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

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Editorial

You Have The Trump

Recently two writers for the El Dorado **News-Times** — managing editor David Hughes and reporter Frank Ingmire — served their readers well. The pair investigated and exposed an unscrupulous fund-raising operation soliciting funds in the name of the Arkansas Association of Blind Athletes.

There is nothing wrong with the AABA. It is a fine organization. It has commendable goals and excellent people involved. The organization is a credit to the principles it serves. Maybe the AABA made a mistake in contracting with this particular organization to raise funds, but one error does not lessen the good it has accomplished for blind athletes in this state.

Hughes and Ingmire revealed the fund-raising organization was taking half the money raised. It was also employing questionable tactics in securing donations. When contacted by the newspaper, the on-site manager was evasive about the operation.

Unfortunately, due to the pressure to raise operating funds, sometimes organizations go to extreme limits. Maybe the real burden is on the giver to make sure his gift, or at least more than 90 percent of it, is being spent wisely.

In some organizations this is as easy as requesting information. For instance, any group soliciting public funds should be willing to make public its financial statement. This is Standard No. 7 of the National Information Bureau, Inc. AEB does this with its annual report. Caution should be exercised if a group is reluctant to publicly open its financial records. As a member of the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC), AEB is required to account publicly for its finances and services. Standards by NAC are as strict, or stricter, than any set by other accreditation agencies.

AEB feels this same obligation with regard to service reporting. Reciting figures, case histories and other facts is easy. Frequently, the facts may be embellished for a better impression.

AEB publishes the **Leadership Letter** listing our service statistics (names and hometowns) monthly for the presidents and secretaries of every Arkansas Lions club, our board of directors and the district governor's cabinet. We do the same for the consumer agencies, the rehabilitation services that refer clients to AEB, through the quarterly Executive Director's **Report.**

Sometimes agencies feel the public will not respond generously if the statistics are less than spectacular. They try hiding weak programs and lack of service behind a few heartwarming stories. We all like to get caught up in a good tale with a happy ending. It relieves us of a nagging question, "Is this agency meeting its client's needs?"

Often service programs get lazy when this technique works. They then develop a lack of respect for their work, soon followed by overpromoting to compensate for the loss of confidence. A vicious cycle ensues in which the program, those it serves and the public is harmed.

A similar scenario can be written about agencies that expand services without studying the needs of the community, frequently duplicating services already available. Such duplication is unnecessary and very costly. New programs are often established without really exploring the needs of the citizens. Again, money is wasted and individuals in need of real service are not served.

But you, the giver, hold the trump card by asking each program, no matter how knowledgeable you might be about it, for a financial statement and an accounting of its services before you write the check.

After all, it's your money!

— Jim Davis
Director, Community Relations

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John Aldridge of Muskogee, Okla., has been learning over the past month that those drudgeries such as washing windows and cleaning the toilet are all a part of living an independent life. He is involved in AEB's apartment living program. You'll find the story and more pictures on page 4.

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Incorporator, Former President Dies

Dr. Guy Smith, the fourth president of AEB's board and one of the incorporators of the center in 1939, died in San Diego on Dec. 30.

He was a retired chiropractor who spent much of his career working in projects to educate and rehabilitate the blind.

Dr. Smith had a special interest for the blind, having lost his sight at age 5. Born in Tennessee, he moved to Arkansas as a child and attended the Arkansas School for the Blind.

As president of the alumni association of the school, he appointed another graduate, Roy Kumpe, as chairman of the legislative committee. This was Kumpe's first assignment in work for the blind.

When AEB was incorporated in 1939, Dr. Smith joined with Hugo Norvell, R. A. Cox, Dr. Harry Hayes and Roy Kumpe to file a charter with the Pulaski County Circuit Court on Aug. 23, 1939.

He served on AEB's board from 1939 to 1963 and was president from 1949 to 1952, serving three one-year terms.

Other activities were serving as a trustee for the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf under four governors, 1951-1975; president of the Arkansas Association for the Blind, receiving the American Foundation for the Blind's Migel Medal in 1963, and the Sertoma International medal for outstanding service to the blind, 1964.

In 1975 Gov. David Pryor dedicated the newly constructed vocational building on the campus of the Arkansas School for the Blind in honor of Dr. Smith.

Much of Dr. Smith's success in work for the blind was the partnership with his wife and former teacher, the late Maude Mosley Smith. "Miss Maude," as she was affectionately known, was a teacher at the School for the Blind where she met Dr. Smith.

Dr. Guy Smith

He was a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club.

Radio Reading Service Names Director

David "Randy" Johnson of Little Rock has been named executive director of the newly formed Arkansas Radio Reading Service.

His position became effective Jan. 12, just a week after the Service was notified that it received an approximate $37,000 grant allocation in federal funds from Title XX of the Social Security Act.

Johnson previously was employed by the State Department of Education at the Media Implementation Center. He has also worked as program director at KSPR-KCIZ Radio Station in Springdale and taught broadcast journalism at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville while completing a master's degree in audio visual education.

David "Randy" Johnson

A graduate of the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in radio and television broadcasting, Johnson lives in Little Rock with his wife, Marilyn. She is working on a master's degree in rehabilitation teaching at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Johnson is currently formulating plans for the reading service before the programming goes on the air. Initial plans call for 18 hours of daily programming in the Central Arkansas area. Since 55 percent of the blind people in Arkansas live within a 50-mile radius of Little Rock, Johnson said it is the logical place for the Service's first flagship.

The Arkansas Radio Reading Service, representing 17 state and volunteer organizations for and of the blind, will give visually impaired persons access to the printed page. Volunteers will read such materials as local newspapers, magazines and best seller books.

Independence Dependent On Elbow Grease

Shoving a casserole in the oven, changing the linens and running a vacuum cleaner are all a part of most people's everyday lives. But families often avoid teaching their blind children such skills, fearful that they might get hurt or that because of their visual impairment, they don't have the capabilities of performing such tasks.

AEB addresses this problem in one of its programs, independent — or apartment — living. Trainees who have never lived independently before, or never independently after becoming blind, can request to live in one of AEB's two apartments. Each apartment accommodates four people and has two bedrooms, two baths, a living room and kitchen.

Trainees learn to do their own housekeeping during their month to three-month stay in the apartments. They are required to do housekeeping chores such as changing linen, dusting, mopping and cleaning the bathroom. Except for lunch, they also prepare their own meals. Their shopping lists must stay within their weekly budget for food.

"Some of them prepare full course dinners, and others choose to fix fast foods," explained Charlene Ware, AEB's senior instructor in personal management.

While most of the trainees who live in the apartments are young adults who have lived with their families and never independently, some are older adults who were blinded later in life and need to learn compensatory skills that don't depend on sight. The program is most popular among prevocational students who need independent living skills before entering a vocational program.

A recent visit to the men's apartment found Mitchell Wall of New Orleans, La., and John Aldridge of Muskogee, Okla., in the kitchen making spaghetti. Lorene Quandt, AEB home management instructor, was observing them as a regular part of their class schedule.

It was Mitchell's job to make and cook the meatballs, and John boiled the pasta and mixed and stirred the sauce. Wearing aprons, they were coached by Quandt when they failed to use safety techniques or when they had questions about what to do next.

"John, can you hear your spaghetti sauce?" asked Quandt when he forgot to check on it. "You better turn d the heat."

Mitchell, stirring the meatballs with a spatula, explained how he could tell if the meatballs were done. "I can feel them with the spatula and see if they're firm, and I also listen to how they are sizzling."

Aldridge, 32, had been living in the apartment for about a month, and Wall had only been there a week.

Planning to enter AEB's next Computer Programmer class, Aldridge said he has lived away from his parents only once. "That was for two months in Oklahoma City with two roommates. It was a total disaster."

But more recently it has become

DINNER TIME — Mitchell Wall stirs potatoes in a skillet while John Aldridge assists him in meal preparation in AEB's men's apartment. Both are enrolled in the center's independent living program.

portant for him to gain independent living skills, especially so that he can be flexible in job location.

"I feel in order to be as independent as I would like to be, I have to live alone," John explained. "My greater preference would be to be married. I always thought a wife could take care of the household duties. But things don't work out like that. You can't be presumptious."

During the past month, he said he has gained much more confidence working in the kitchen. "Before I came, I had no confidence. My mother took care of most of the duties. I would cook breakfast sometimes — scramble eggs or put toast in the toaster — but that was all."

Aldridge had spent an hour earlier in the day vacuuming, mopping and cleaning the bathroom. "I think they ought to give a toilet bowl cleaner award here," he joked. "I guess I'm going to have to get more involved in furniture dusting. I don't care for it."

In Muskogee, John, blind since age 2, was employed as a piano tuner for four years and attended a local community college for two years. After vocational training, he hopes to find employment in Oklahoma.

Before a person begins apartment living, he or she must be proficient in techniques of daily living skills, such as ironing and folding clothes, grooming and kitchen safety. They are instructed in budgeting, and Ware said she hopes soon to add rental and lease policy information to the program format.

Trainees in the apartments do their own shopping, often with one of AEB's volunteer staff members. During the first few weeks of their stay, staff members monitor the progress of the trainees by conducting kitchen and housecleaning class in the apartments. After that, the staff checks the rooms periodically to make sure the rooms are kept clean and to check the continued progress of the trainee.

There are several differences in apartment and dorm living. Trainees in the dorm are not required to wash their own linens. They are asked to keep their beds made and rooms orderly. Other housekeeping chores are done by AEB's housekeeping staff. In addition, those living in the dorms eat three meals a day in the cafeteria.

SERVING LINE — Trainees receive their lunch plates in the same manner as before, but now with a new food service, Mississippi Valley Food Service. Many of AEB's cooking staff have been retained, and they now wear identification badges. Advantages of the new system include a reduced food cost for the center and an unfluctuating food budget during the contract year.

AEB Signs Contract With New Food Service For Trainees, Staff

AEB has signed a year's contract with the Mississippi Valley Food Service to provide three meals a day to trainees and lunch for the staff during working days.

The new food service, managed by Eleanor Bullard, a registered dietician, began Jan. 5. In the past, AEB has operated its own food service plan and maintained a kitchen staff.

"The main purpose for the change is to provide better meals for the trainees at a reasonable cost," explained Jim Cordell, AEB executive director. "When we put a pencil to our food cost, we thought it would be wise to look to people who were experts in food service."

Because Mississippi Valley is an affiliate of a larger company which has food processing plants, the company can buy in volume and is able to offer considerable savings, Cordell said.

Mississippi Valley's district office is in Memphis, and it serves colleges and hospitals throughout the South. Arkansas Baptist College at Walnut Ridge is the only other institution in the state that contracts with the company.

Another advantage to the service is that the center doesn't have to speculate its food budget, Cordell pointed out. Also, the contract has a guarantee that the cost of a renewed contract will not exceed the inflation amount of the consumer price figure of eating outside the home.

Mississippi Valley has retained many of AEB's cooking staff. The staff will undergo an intensive training program required by employees of the company.

Lions who have lunch or dinner programs at the center will be charged the same costs per meal as in the past. "They'll probably notice a more attractive serving line and a more attractive meal," Cordell said.

"We have received a lot of good feedback on the meals from the trainees and the staff," said Bullard, who was raised in Little Rock. "We hope to serve high quality, nutritious and appealing meals."

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On March 1 the AEB Rehabilitation Center will begin its 34th year of operation. Since its opening in 1947 with two trainees in a leased mansion (using the term loosely as those Lions who worked to clean up the Old Brack Home will testify), AEB has made great progress. Measures of that growth: Six modern brick buildings; more than two blocks of property; more than 4,580 graduates; 50 states and 52 other countries represented at AEB; a world-wide recognized Lions Club project. Enough to make anyone proud!

All the traditions were present at AEB's annual Christmas party in December. Santa (alias Assistant Executive Director Duane Balentine) was on hand, trainees presented "The Christmas Carol," and a large group of Pulaski County blind residents, more than 140, came and received gifts from local merchants and bags of candy and fruit. The event is sponsored each year by the Lions of Central Arkansas.

AEB's staff completed its annual staff development meetings in December by holding three sessions after work instead of one all-day meeting, which has been done in the past. Some of the speakers included Max Woolly, superintendent of Arkansas School for the Blind; Jerry Nichols, acting administrator of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dr. Hamp Roy, Little Rock ophthalmologist; and Sheila Jennings, Human Resource Center. There were also several films and role-playing activities by the staff, all designed to improve the staff's job skills. Rick Day, AEB's director of research and staff development, planned the programs.

Eleanor Bullard, a Little Rock native, is the new food service manager at AEB for Mississippi Valley Food Service. She has returned to the state from Baton Rouge, La., where she worked for the same company as a hospital food service manager.

AEB's Service Advisory Council met for the 31st consecutive year in December, re-electing Jerry Dunlap of Oklahoma City as chairman. Dunlap, a former AEB trainee, is assistant director of the Oklahoma Division of Visual Services. The primary emphasis during the meetings was on vocational opportunities for the blind. Eight members of the council, made up of state agency directors, rehabilitation counselors, educators and consumer group representative, were in attendance from seven different states. Harold Payne, supervisor of the Michigan Bureau for the Blind, was elected assistant chairman.

Alumni News

One of our best alumni news sources at AEB is Robertine "Mac" McCaffrey, especially at Christmas. This year she received more than 200 holiday greetings, most of them from former AEB trainees. Mac, who has recently been named acting coordinator of housing at AEB, allowed us to share some of her holiday news:

Benny Meier (1966) asked Mrs. Mac to say hello to all his friends. His address is 3848 Cashion Place, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112.

Frank Tatum (1966) and his family report a busy year, after spending a month each in San Francisco and Hawaii. When they returned home, they bought a three-story house that was built in 1914. His new address is 814 Westover Road, Richmond, Va. 23220.

Bob Fuller (1967) had an eventful year also, becoming a grandparent twice and a father-in-law once. His address is 1801 N. 10th, Longview, Tex. 75601.

Margaret Harris (1976) sends her address: Route 1, Box 127, Morringsport, La. 71060.

Ruth Bourque (1977) spent a happy Christmas with all her family home for the holidays. She and her husband, Cal, report that business is good at their bakery. Their address is Route 8, Box 401, Gonzales, La. 70737.

Betty Hendricks (1978) sends her address: Pacific Grove, Calif. 93950.

Anne Kelly (1980) writes that she is enjoying her new job as a computer programmer in Greenville. Her address is 113 B Oregon St., Greenville, S.C. 29605.

Vera Elkboy (1966), a Sioux Indian, is a switchboard operator at the Public Health Service Hospital at Pine Ridge, the Indian reservation in South Dakota. She can receive mail at the hospital address, zip code 57770.

Jerry Williams (1979), a graduate of AEB's first Federal Information Center class, was a recent contributor to the Federal Information Center Program's national bulletin. He works for the FIC office in Kansas City.

Kathy Thompson (1980), a graduate of AEB's last Taxpayer Service Representative course, has been employed as a TSR in the Houston IRS office.

Shichul Nam (1980), upon his return to Seoul after his professional training at AEB, found many changes back home — politically, socially and with management aspects of the rehabilitation center there, with a change in staff. Nam is director of the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Seoul. His address is No. 136-2 Sungnae-Dong, Kangdong-Ku, Seoul 134-01, KOREA.

By-Lions

Needy families were provided with Christmas baskets as a result of efforts by Prescott Lions during their annual auction in December. Proceeds, which totaled about $4,300, also went to buy toys for children in needy families, to a local family who lost their home in a fire, to buy fruit baskets for nursing home residents and to AEB.

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"I think we've stumbled on something that will help us raise more money for the blind," said Bob English, secretary-treasurer of White Hall Lions Club. He was referring to a novel fund-raising project his club participated in during December called "Rent-a-Santa." Four members of the club, who didn't need much padding, dressed in Santa suits and visited private residences and office and company parties for a fee of $10 to $35, depending on the size of the gathering. Since the club had two Santa suits for parades, the investment was minimal. Although they couldn't all be Santas, all the members helped in the project, many of them as drivers. English said the success of the project surprised the club, which plans to make it an annual fund-raising event.

Got Any News?

If you have any items or ideas for future articles, please let us know. We also welcome comments about the AEB program or articles which have been in past issues of **New Life.** Please call Jim Davis or Judy Williams at 664-7100, or write us at 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, Ark. 72204.

EKB

The Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank collected more eyes last year than any other year in EKB's history. A total of 225 eyes were enucleated. There were a total of 79 transplants in Arkansas. In addition, 2,945 Arkansans signed donor cards.

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Lion John Reed, associated with Ruebel Funeral Home, was presented a special certificate at the Little Rock Founders Lions Club meeting recently for purchasing an enucleation kit for the funeral home. At the same meeting, Ken and Kathy Culpepper, morticians at Ruebel, received certificates for attending an enucleation school in Little Rock.

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The Jacksonville Lions Club has purchased an enucleation kit for American Funeral Service in Jacksonville. Thomas Cobb, a mortician at the funeral home, received an enucleation certificate at a recent club meeting.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Mattie Marie Ellis Mashburn by Mr. and Mrs. James Stallcup
Evelyn Holland by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard
Frank Cantrell by Lila Lampkin
James Richardson by Murfreesboro Lions Club
Van Manning by Lorraine Apple
Mrs. Scott Rushing by Lorraine Apple
Beatrice J. Harris by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley
Jodie W. Brown by Conway Noon Lions Club
Lloyd Wantland by John Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Brummer, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brzycki, Scott Hammitt
Joseph Morris Wilson, Sr. by Prescott Lions Club
Mother of Mrs. C. L. Bradley by Prescott Lions Club
Mother of V. H. Guymon by Creve Coeur Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Jeffrey Busby by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ross, Sr.
M. L. Turnbow by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Curtis M. King by Mrs. L. S. McNair
Olga Neal by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley
Mary Holland by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
James Croft by Col. and Mrs. Claude Shaver, Al Johnston, Cherokee Village Lions Club
Levore Mahlman by Alfred Henning
Ray Price by Cherokee Village Lions Club
W. P. Cummings by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
Clyde Thomas Williams by R. H. Shaddock
Carl W. Strauss by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strauss
Maggie Williamson by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawkins
Josie Ables by Mrs. Carlton Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard
Johnny Campbell by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
D. L. "Skip" Howard by Brig. General Charles F. Mudgett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hale, Olga S. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Lisle A. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Roberts
Bertha Pitney by Sarah Brenner
U. S. Pitney by Sarah Brenner
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Thomas Huckaby, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huckaby, Sr.
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Dr. Allen R. Russell by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wood
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Kathleen McMillan by A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Frank W. Wynne by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
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Merle Nye by Eva R. Kirby
Gina Renee Bailey by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King
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Rose Stickler by Mrs. Frank Armstrong
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CHECK PRESENTATION — Freda Wilson Mobley, director of personnel at Levi Strauss in Little Rock, attended the last AEB board of director's meeting to present a check for $10,000 to Board President Don Freel. The gift will be used to purchase equipment for the center's computer programming department.

Center Recipient Of Two Grants

AEB has recently received two grants totaling $11,000 to be used in two of its vocational training programs.

Levi Strauss Foundation presented AEB with a check for $10,000 at the January board of directors meeting. Funding is to be used to assist AEB in purchasing computer equipment needed to expand the computer programmer course.

A $1,000 gift from the McDonnell Douglas Personnel Charity Plan will be used to buy several sets of tools for use by students in AEB's small engine repair course.

Because of the great training demand by blind and visually impaired persons who want to enter AEB's computer programmer course, AEB sought outside funding sources for assistance to purchase additional equipment and to expand classroom facilities.

The excellent job market for computer programmers and the high number of placements of graduates from the course have made it one of AEB's most popular training programs.

The small engine repair course, AEB's newest vocational program, has had the expected demand for this type of training. The demand, along with the increased cost of starting new programs, also led AEB to seek outside funding sources to help set up the course.

The new money will be added to that recently received from the Trebing Memorial Home for Blind Women to bring to $22,000 the amount available for the expansion of the Computer Programmer course. AEB's current class had 10 members when it opened, the maximum load for the facility. AEB executive director Jim Cordell said the expansion would double the size of computer classes.

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Crossing a street safely can be a difficult undertaking if you're visually impaired. The task can be made easier for people who have low vision with the help of a monocular scope. Russell Hurst, a trainee at AEB from Shreveport, La., is able to read the traffic sign by using the optic aid. The scope has made many everyday mobility functions easier for blind people who have some vision. An article on Page 4 gives more details on AEB's training program with the scope.

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Roy Kumpe is back where he started. This time, however, he's not a student at the Arkansas School for the Blind, but a member of the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Kumpe was appointed in January to a five-year term by Governor Frank White. Following his graduation from the school, Kumpe became active in the Alumni Association, an activity which led to his almost 50 years' involvement in rehabilitation for the blind.

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The Benton Lions kicked-off their 1981 flag project by displaying the flags with yellow ribbons to honor the 52 returning American hostages from Iran. The club reported spending $2,850 for the purchase of eyeglasses in 1980 and raising $1,185 for AEB. In all the club reported $6,800 spent in Lions' service last year.

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A recent visitor to AEB was PID Bert Mason of Ireland and his wife, Beryl. Lion Bert, a candidate for Lions International 3rd vice president, toured AEB and spoke to the trainees during large group discussion.

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Mid-Winter Conference for Arkansas District 7 was held in early February at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock with International Director Ed Daniels of Georgia as guest. Hosted by the Little Rock Founders Lions, the conference had a good attendance with numerous clubs from around the state represented. Before leaving Little Rock each district elected a District Governor for the coming year. They were:

— District 7-L **Stan Roach** of Hot Springs. Lion Stan is a nine-year member of the Hot Springs Lions, has served as president of the club and was back-to-back Lion of the Year in 1972 and 1973. He has a nine-year perfect attendance and has served as zone chairman. His wife is Shirley and Lion Stan is a restauranteur.

— District 7-I **A. T. McDaniel** of Fayetteville. Lion A. T. is a long time member of the Fayetteville Evening Lions and has served his club as secretary for several years. He has served in past cabinets and as zone chairman. His wife is Margie and Lion A. T. is retired.

— District 7-O **Jim Russell** of Jonesboro. Lion Jim is a member of the University Heights Lions, a past president of the West Helena Noon Lions and has served as zone chairman in 7-N. He has also been a regional chairman for the Mid-South Sight Service. His wife is Annolee and Lion Jim is retired.

— District 7-N **Donald King** of Stuttgart. Lion Don is a member of the Stuttgart Lions and is serving this year as president of the club. He has been on the club's board of directors for four years and has moved through the chairs from third vice president. His wife is Patsy and Lion Don is assistant general superintendent, Producers Rice Mills, Inc.

— District 7-S **A. D. Rea** of North Little Rock. Lion A. D. is a member of the North Little Rock Lions and has served his club as an officer and his district in several cabinet positions. His wife is Juanita and Lion A. D. is in real estate and development.

A GOOD DEED — District Governor Harding Jones hands AEB President Don Freel (right) the deed to a lot at Diamondhead that Jack N. and Frances Widick of Florida donated to the rehabilitation center. The gift came to AEB through the efforts of the Diamondhead Lions Club. Lion Steven Edwards is the club's president.

A Scope: An Extension Of The Eye

EXAMINING the scope and its uses are Russell Hurst, left, and Don Clemons, AEB orientation and mobility instructor.

Imagine the frustration of going into McDonalds and not being able to read the menu on the wall because your visual acuity won't allow you to read that far away . . . or trying to figure out the route number and destination on the front of the city bus, but you can't quite make out the letters.

There is an answer to these problems and more for some people who have limited vision, and AEB has recently enhanced its orientation and mobility program to work on these needs. For the past year, instructors have been teaching trainees who have low vision how to use monocular telescopic aids to allow them to become more independent in their travel.

Don Clemons, orientation and mobility instructor, has designed a training program which is now followed by all seven instructors in the department.

John Clapp, coordinator of the department, said about 40 people have received training with distance aids at AEB. "I think it has improved our program," Clapp said, explaining that of all the legally blind people in the country, less than 25 percent of them are totally blind. "The trend now is to place more emphasis on low vision training and to teach people to use what vision they have," he said.

The monocular scope, available in different magnifications according to the individual's needs, is similar to a set of binoculars. The single lens is usually prescribed to low vision people because most have better visual acuity in one eye than the other.

Among its uses are to locate house numbers in neighborhoods; to read flight information at airports; to locate and identify street signs and landmarks such as mail boxes; to clear pathways; to locate traffic control lights and street signs; to read wall menus in fast food restaurants; to become familiar with supermarket layouts and to read department signs above the aisles.

The aid, however, has its limitations, and trainees are advised of its drawbacks. Proper use of the scope first must be mastered if it is to be used correctly. Also, low vision persons must be aware that the optical aids have a narrow field of view — approximately 10 degrees — which makes targets difficult to locate. It also distorts depth perception, making objects appear nearer and closer together than they really are, and exaggerates the speed at which images are moving. Therefore, it could not be used as a general travel aid to walk down the street.

Another problem trainees face is their reaction using a scope in public. "Some trainees don't want to use anything that labels them as blind or different," Clemons said. In such a case, AEB's counselors work with them on attitude adjustment.

LOCATING a house number ca

success with the scope, Clemons pointed out, also helps to change their attitude.

Learning to use the scope takes an average of three weeks of training. The trainee works on a one-to-one basis with an orientation and mobility instructor. The first week or two, sessions are usually conducted inside so that variables such as the size, the distance of the target, lighting and contrast can be controlled.

"If they have problems, we can correct them before we go outside," Clemons said. Inside, trainees learn care of the scope, how to locate targets and systematic methods of scanning, focusing and tracking.

Once outside, they put their training to practice by locating street signs and traffic lights around the center. Then they are given a route in the neighborhood to locate street signs and house numbers. This is followed by trips downtown to review what they have learned.

The scopes, with an average cost of $60, are recommended by Dr. Mayne Parker, AEB's consulting ophthalmologist. He determines if a scope can be beneficial and what magnification is needed to bring a trainee's visual acuity up to a point that can be useful.

complished with the aid.

Alumni News

Mary Alexander (1966) is involved in a secretarial training program at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she has been employed as a secretary for almost 15 years since she left AEB. She sends her address as 710 Forrest Ave., Apt. 3, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37405.

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Melvin Irving (1973) is working with the juvenile court system in Chicago. His address is 510 W. Chestnut, Chicago, Ill. 60610.

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An article in the **FORUM**, the student newspaper at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, by Debbie Kinsey featured former AEB trainee **Larry Skutchan** of Hope, now a political science major. Larry was in training in 1978 and may be remembered best for his mountain climbing activity. The same story also praised the work of the Blind Rehabilitation Program at UALR, a graduate program AEB played a major role in establishing on the neighboring campus.

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Linda Chou (1980) has written to say hello to all her friends. She lives in Taiwan and hopes to return to the States for more training. She was in professional training at AEB.

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Fatos Akincibay (1980) sent her greetings to AEB recently. She is working with about 20 trainees at the rehabilitation center for the blind in Istanbul, Turkey. A professional trainee while at AEB, she has applied for a scholarship to the U.S. to complete her professional training. Her address is Millet Cad. Cumhur, Pals No. 188-1, Aksaray, Istanbul, Turkey.

Carlisle Lion Recipient Of Award

Harry Bennett, a member of the Carlisle Lions Club, is the recipient of the 1979-80 Edward G. Barry Award. He was selected by the Arkansas Sight Conservation Committee and received the award at the Mid-Winter State Lions Convention last month.

Dedicated to sight conservation work, Lion Bennett has served his club as sight conservation chairman for the past 11 years, working in his community in planning fund-raising activities for sight conservation and in helping get proper eye care for those in the community who could be helped on a local level.

In nominating Bennett for the award, James Ronald Barlow, president of the Carlisle club, said: "Lion Bennett has established himself as a fixture for sight conservation in our community. The people suffering from eye problems will eventually contact Lion Harry because they know he will help them in any way that he possibly can."

Bennett is presently serving a third term as regional director for Mid-South Sight Center in Memphis. He has been chairman of his club's annual light bulb and broom sale for 10 years.

He has served the club as an officer in every capacity except secretary-treasurer, bringing 13 new members into the club.

Bennett was nominated by the Carlisle Lions Club, and was among nine Arkansas Lions nominated for the honor.

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Roy Brinkley

Randy Parker

AEB welcomes two new members of the staff. Dr. Roy A. Brinkley of North Little Rock has joined the staff as consulting physician. Dr. Brinkley, who has an internal medicine practice in Little Rock, comes to the center each Tuesday morning to see new trainees and any trainees with illnesses. A graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, Dr. Brinkley is also a graduate of Mississippi State University and Keiser High School in Arkansas. He did his internship at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. He and his wife, Bobbye, have four daughters. His hobbies include amateur radio, woodwork and photography.

Randy Parker began work last month with AEB's Title XX grant project which provides service to the elderly in senior citizens homes throughout Arkansas. The grant project, which has been in effect since the fall of 1978, was renewed last month. A 1980 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock rehabilitation teaching master's program, Parker returns to AEB where he did practicum work while at UALR. He previously worked with an area services program for the Arkansas School for the Blind, working an eight-county region with headquarters in Ft. Smith. Parker, 33, lives with his wife, Rosemary, in Little Rock.

Billie Elder's travels of late might have been enough to challenge the late FDR in his whistle-stop campaign days. For the past two months, she visited 16 Lions Clubs throughout the state, taking AEB's message to Lions, telling them she was giving a "report to the stockholders." Billie, who is AEB's field consultant, has represented AEB in that position since 1978, working with rehabilitation counselors all over the country. At press time, she was planning a schedule for March, already slated to visit three clubs — West Memphis noon, West Memphis Breakfast and Northeast Memphis — on March 24 and 25. During the past two months she talked to Lions at Grady; Smackover; Camden Noon and Evening; Fordyce; Jonesboro Noon, Westside and University Heights; Blytheville; Clarendon; Mid-America at Hot Springs; Atkins; Hope Evening; DeQueen; Malvern; and Mena.

As a part of the preparation for an upcoming production of "The Miracle Worker," Rector High School drama students came to AEB to observe blind people and their methods of learning. The students watched a film about AEB, ate lunch with trainees in the cafeteria and toured the center. Adren Duncan, AEB's deaf-blind specialist, discussed with the group methods of communication with persons who are deaf and blind and methods of teaching them. He also gave a personal sign language demonstration to the girl who will be playing the role of Helen Keller. The students were accompanied by some teachers, parents and two members of the Rector Lions Club.

Trainee Serves As First Blind Juror

Danny Keys, a trainee at AEB from Pittsburgh, Pa., became an Arkansas "first" last month when he served in a capital murder trial in Little Rock.

Keys, who has become a resident of Arkansas and registered voter, is the state's first blind person to serve as a juror.

When jury selection was being made, Danny was asked by one of the attorneys if he thought his blindness would impair his performance as a juror.

"If anything, blindness would improve my serving because of the ability to make decisions properly," he told the court. "A blind person is trained from a young age to listen exceptionally well and to absorb the information which is received."

He later explained: "I felt I could participate as a juror just as well as anyone else."

No adaptations had to be made for him to sit on the jury, Danny said. "In regards to evidence entered, the court was willing to let me examine the evidence in the courtroom or in the jury room." He examined shells, expended casings and bullets and a 25 semi-automatic pistol.

Danny Keys talks about the trial.

The case involved a Little Rock woman who was charged and subsequently convicted of murdering a Little Rock architect.

Keys said he was accepted by his fellow jurors. He called on different ones to cast votes for him during the two-day trial. "At lunch, they asked me questions about my blindness, since most of them were curious because they hadn't been around blind people."

Danny is enrolled in AEB's switchboard program and plans to go into telephone communications. He will be trained on the new Dimension 400 switchboard as soon as the system is installed.

He met his wife, Rebecca, while both were in training at AEB, and they were married last summer. Rebecca is receiving switchboard-receptionist training. They live at Our Way, a nonprofit residential area in Little Rock designed for handicapped people.

Before coming to AEB, Danny worked in a number of positions in Pittsburg, including a hospital job in the radiology department as a medical film processor and a job for an air conditioning firm as a repairman and trouble shooter.

"Because I have worked in the sighted world as any other individual in some challenging jobs, I feel like I have always been accepted by the sighted world," he said.

Former Trainee Back As Fellow

It was homecoming for John Halpen when he came to spend a week at AEB in January as a Kumpe Fellow. Halpen, a new rehabilitation counselor for the Division of Blind Services at Lafayette, La., was the first former trainee to receive a Kumpe Fellowship.

The fellowship offers in-service training to professionals who work in the field of blindness.

Halpen was in training at AEB in 1974 as a College Preparatory student. He has since received a BA degree in sociology from Louisiana State University and is now working on a master's degree in rehabilitation.

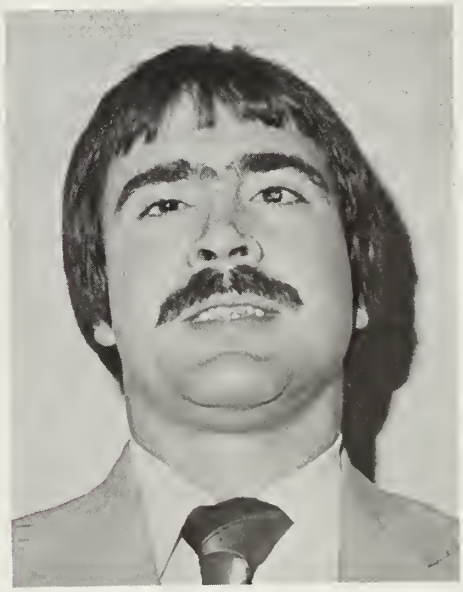
A vocational rehabilitation counselor for the past six months, Halpen said he applied for the fellowship to gain information about vocational programs available to blind people. "As a new counselor, this was my main objective. Too many counselors are not aware of what is available. They need to go out in the field to get a blow-by-blow description."

While at AEB, Halpen said he got a good overview of programs available. "It was very rewarding observing the clients," he said. "I was pleased with the personal contact with the clients. I was also impressed with the team approach taken by the staff."

AEB's Computer Programmer course particularly interested him because of the employment avenues it has opened for blind people.

The Kumpe Fellowship was established in 1978 in honor of Roy Kumpe, who retired as AEB's executive director in 1978, and his 40 years of service to the blind and visually impaired. The fellowships, for rehabilitation teachers, counselors, and orientation and mobility instructors who work with blind people, provide one week of in-service training at AEB.

The grant covers transportation to and from the worker's home and the center, as well as tuition costs and any other materials needed. AEB furnishes room and board and administration expenses of operating the scholarship fund.



John Halpen

It is hoped through the fellowship that AEB's technology and advanced programs can be shared with other professional workers for the blind.

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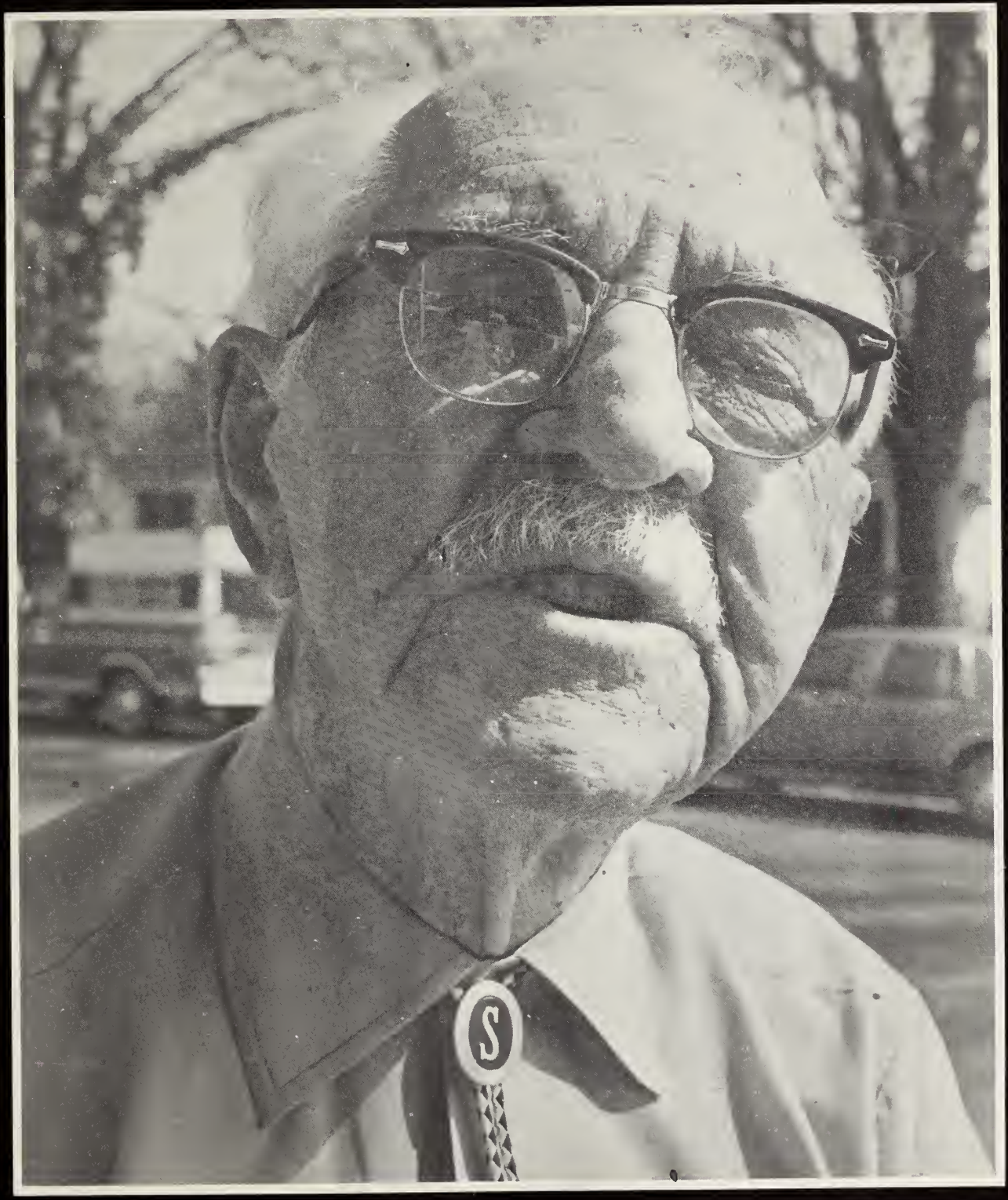

Guy Snow: 85 And Going Strong

Directors Consider Planned, Long-Range Giving Program

Looking to secure AEB's financial future, the rehabilitation center's board of directors is considering a long-range planned giving program.

Ed Barry Sr., past president of Lions International, is chairman of the committee mapping strategy for the program. His committee will consider several alternatives.

"Hopefully," reports Lion Ed, "we'll get the Arkansas Lions behind this endeavor 100 percent. We never could have had an AEB without the Lions, and we certainly need them if this works properly."

To date the committee has contacted the Robert F. Sharp and Co., Inc., of Memphis concerning a feasibility study. The Sharp Company is a publishing, consulting and public relations firm. Its prime expertise is "helping institutions build long-range financial development programs."

Jim Cordell, AEB's executive director, believes AEB needs the strength of a sound financial reserve. Cordell points out that managerial consultants recommend a year's budget in reserve for non-profit organizations.

"AEB," Cordell said, "falls short of this recommendation."

One desired result of a planned giving program is the establishment of a full year's reserve. The committee agreed that the Lions would have to assist fully with the program for it to work.

Barry said the Lions would be kept informed of the committee's work. He said the first report would be during the AEB luncheon at the state convention.

In other action the board voted to assist with the writing of an autobiography by Roy Kumpe. Members of the board expressed the belief that Kumpe's 40-plus years of work in the field should be shared. Kumpe said he wanted to put in writing the Lions' role in founding AEB and its development through the years.

A Little Rock writer, Jim Lester, is currently working with Kumpe taping material for the book. Publication date for the book will be announced later.

GRADUATION — Evelyn Young from Taylor, Ark., recently graduated from AEB's medical transcriptionist program. She is pictured with the course instructor, Ann Burton.

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63rd Annual Lions State Convention

Jonesboro, Arkansas

May 1, 2 and 3

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 1

10 a.m.	Registration	Carl Reng Center
11	Golf and Tennis Tournament	Jonesboro Country Club
	Bowling Tournament	Ken's Chetuck Lanes
6 p.m.	Tarnished Brass Banquet	Carl Reng Center
8	Early Bird Entertainment	Carl Reng Center

Saturday, May 2

8 a.m.	Registration	Carl Reng Center
9	State Business Meeting	Wilson Auditorium
12 noon	AEB Luncheon	Carl Reng Center
2 p.m.	District Business Sessions	Carl Reng Center
2	Leo Club Meeting	Continuing Education Bldg.
2	Lioness Club Meeting	Chickasaw Bldg.
3:15	Ladies Entertainment	The Forum
4:15	International Convention Briefing	Wilson Auditorium
6	Convention Banquet	Carl Reng Center
8:30	Casino Night	Holiday Inn

Sunday, May 3

6:30 a.m.	Registration	Carl Reng Center
7	Key Member Breakfast	Carl Reng Center
8:45	Necrology Service	Wilson Auditorium
9:15	State Business Session	Wilson Auditorium
Adjournment		

Board Honors AEB Incorporator

The AEB board of directors passed a resolution recognizing the late Dr. Guy Smith and his work with the center at the February board meeting. A copy of the resolution was presented to members of Dr. Smith's family.

Dr. Smith, who was blind, died last December. He was one of the incorporators in 1939 of AEB and served on its board from 1939 to 1975 and as president from 1949 to 1952. He had an active 48-year career as a chiropractor.

Lawson Glover, chairman of the board's Constitution and By-Laws Committee, read the resolution at the meeting. "Dr. Smith has manifested an unusual loyalty to AEB and has contributed in various ways to maintaining and evaluating the standard of care received by the blind," he said. "His leadership to the members of the Lions of Arkansas, the deep affection that he had for all, the love and courage with which he met every situation that came up, and his spirit and joy in serving others will be guidelines for AEB in the future in our trying to serve the blind."

Jonesboro Site For Convention

Arkansas Lions should be making plans now to attend the annual AEB membership luncheon during the state convention in Jonesboro.

Dates for the convention are May 1, 2 and 3 with the rehabilitation center's luncheon on Saturday, the 2nd at noon.

International guest will be International Director Earl Maddox of Denver, Colo. He will speak at the convention banquet and visit the business sessions throughout the convention.

Lion Maddox was elected a director in 1979 in Montreal. He was a 100 percent district governor and served as president of the board of the Colorado Lions Foundation. He is a Key Member with 21 years of perfect attendance.

As usual, the state convention kicks off on Friday with golf, tennis and bowling and the Tarnished Brass banquet. In order for there to be something for everyone arriving early, early bird entertainment is also scheduled Friday evening.

Registration will be open at 10 a.m. Friday and again at 8 a.m. Saturday. On Sunday, registration will open from 6:30 to 7 a.m. The first state business session is at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The AEB membership luncheon will be Saturday noon. In addition to reports on the rehabilitation center's activities, one or more trainees will speak to the Lions. Lions clubs reaching or exceeding their challenge of $25 per member will receive certificates. Before adjourning, Lions will elect district representatives for AEB's board.

Included on the luncheon program are Jim Cordell, AEB's executive director; Don Freel of Hope, AEB's president; Edward Barry Sr. of Little Rock, Lions Clubs International past president; Roy Kumpe of Little Rock, president, International Services for the Blind; Alvin Reap of Little Rock, AEB's treasurer; Ray Thornton of Jonesboro, president, Arkansas State University; Bud Wallace of Camden, chairman, AEB's nominating committee; and Herman West of Searcy and M. C. Lewis of Hot Springs, Lions Clubs International past directors. Also speaking will be a trainee from the rehabilitation center.

Social Skills More Than Just Games

CHESS GAME — Social skills instructor Jeannine Gregory helps trainee Mike Freeling White Pigeon, Mich., become familiar with a chess board that has been adapted for bli and visually impaired players. Notice how the black knight's ears are more distinct than t white knight's, a method of differentiating the chessmen.

If you have toured AEB while training was in session, surely one of the areas that caught your attention was the social skills class.

It probably didn't occur to you that it was "social skills," but rather looked like a lively game of four-handed hearts, or whatever happened to be the game of the day.

Although it has an unstructured, casual atmosphere, the class is an important puzzle piece that fits in AEB's overall training program and fills a need in the adjustment process. Its primary goal is to promote social interaction, while its secondary and most obvious aim is to develop parlor, or table game skills.

Jeannine Gregory, who has been social skills instructor since 1966, explained that "first and foremost, these people are learning to communicate."

Many of the trainees she works with are ill at ease in social settings. Some have never played cards and other table games, eliminating them from participating in these social events.

"A lot of blind people are never in contact with anyone outside their home," Gregory explained. "They don't know what it's like to sit around and talk to people. In social skills, we try to create a relaxed attitude that can carry over from here back to their home settings."

She cited an example of a trainee who came to the center. He had played bridge for more than 40 years; however, because of his blindness, he had given up the game. He believed that when he left the center, no one would let him into a bridge club. But when he learned braille at AEB and discovered he could braille the cards, he was able to play again.

From checkers and chess and bingo to Monopoly and Scrabble and Yahtzee, trainees get a wide background in table games. You can name the game, and Jeannine usually knows how to play it. If not, she will learn it upon request of a trainee. She teaches five different games with dominoes and can't remember how many card games she knows.

ADAPTATIONS

How do blind people participate in the games? Most people are aware that playing cards can be marked in the corner with braille. But other games also can be adapted for blind people. In checkers, a blind person identifies his men by the shape of the checkers. Rather than being black or red, the checkers are round or square. The board has recessed areas for the squares that can be distinguished by touch.

A chess board is similar. The chessmen, usually black or white, have slight variations in shapes for distinction.

All these adaptations allow blind people to compete against each other or with sighted people. If there are sighted players, they can keep score. If not, a blind person improvises his own method of scoring. The abacus is one way.

Former trainee Harry McEwen fro Wynne, Ark., who now does volu work at the center, said the cla helped him to communicate easie "I'm a very shy person," he said. skillful card player, he now sits in some of the games as a volunte worker and has become a target as Th person to beat by the trainees. Th spirit of competition often gets stro among classmates.

"Some of the trainees are sheltered. But you can get them social skills and they turn into completely different person," sa McEwen, who explained that th training provides a nice break in trainee's schedule.

TEACHING ROLE

A great deal of the popularity social skills can be attributed Jeannine, who often joins in the gam when an extra player is needed. Sh stimulates conversation and con petition. "I've got to put myself c their level — be one of the guys, i other words."

In the beginning, she had to learn t function as a blind person to be e fective as a teacher. She practiced home under a blindfold the sa games she was to teach.

Whenever possible, she groups gether trainees according to their ill levels to make a comfortable tting. As they progress in skill level, egory helps them to polish strategy d finesse. "A lot of people play cards d other games all their lives and ver learn strategy, which makes the me interesting," she said.

BATTLE OR BRIDGE

However, if a trainee isn't capable of arning strategy, she continues to ork with him on his level. ometimes a trainee who can only arn battle (matching card with card) eds that skill more than someone th a higher skill level needs to learn idge," she said.

While Gregory guides the trainees in e games of the day, once a week she ts the trainees decide what they want do. "Maybe they will just want to ome down and socialize — sit and lk. Or maybe they'll want to play a ame we haven't played in weeks."

Jeannine keeps a busy schedule, e she also serves as coordinator of s volunteer program.

DANCING is another area of instruction in social skills. Jeannine Gregory, instructor, coaches former trainee Margaret Ostrowski of Pittsburgh, Pa., and current trainee Ed Sokolowski of Oscoda, Mich.

By-Lions

The Stuttgart Lions Club recently became the largest per capita yearly supporter of AEB, hitting the high mark of $101 per member. President Don King made the presentation of a $4,408 check to AEB President Don Freel at the February board meeting. The Stuttgart Lions had previously raised $1,450 for AEB this year, bringing the total to $5,858. Before the Stuttgart gift, the Wilson Lions Club held the record with $100 per member given last year. The Stuttgart Club observed its 53rd anniversary on March 20.

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Martha Browning, office employee training supervisor at Union National Bank in Little Rock, told the Jacksonville Noon Lions during a February meeting about her first experience of working with a blind person. The employee is 27-year-old Pat Augustine, a former AEB trainee who works in the bank's word processing department. Pat received training at the center before accepting employment with the bank a year ago. "I am proud to be able to report to this Lions Club that the money donated to AEB by you, as well as Lions across the state, has and is being well spent. Pat is a beautiful example of what the right type of training can accomplish. We hope other business leaders will consider hiring the blind. They are loyal, dependable employees, and we at Union National Bank feel fortunate to have Pat with us."

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Lions International President Bill Chandler was on hand as featured speaker for the 65th anniversary dinner of the Little Rock Founders Club on Feb. 26. About 300 persons were present when Chandler presented presidential certificates to Al Isenman, Brad Scott and James Robinson Sr., and a presidential award to George Tyler. The Founders Club is actually a year older than Lions International, which was founded in 1917.

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Members of the Oak Forest Lions Club in Little Rock last month installed four smoke alarms in AEB's independent living apartments. J. O. Boone, chairman of the project, said the club has installed 45 alarms in the Oak Forest community, most of them in homes of visually impaired residents. Others went to severely handicapped persons in the community. Every 15 months, members will check the batteries in the alarms.

Alumni News

Ozzie Berryhill (1957) was recently elected as a director of the North Pulaski Brotherhood of the Baptist churches in the state. Berryhill, a member of the Levy Baptist Church in North Little Rock, will work with the Royal Ambassador youth group and the Brotherhood men's group training new leaders. His address is Ozzie Berryhill, 605 W. Scenic Dr., Apt. F 24, North Little Rock, Ark. 72118.

Mildred Bradford (1969 and 1973) sent anniversary wishes to the AEB Rehabilitation Center on its 34th anniversary in March and in her letter asked to say hello to all her AEB friends. Her address is Eastern Ozark Community Hospital, S. Allegheny Dr., Hardy, Ark. 72542.

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Betty Raney (1980), a graduate of the Small Business Management course, was selected last month as the 1980 Student of the Year award recipient by the faculty and staff of the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Ill. Selected because of her academic achievements, she will receive the award in May. Her name will be added permanently to a list on display at Hadley School. Raney, who operates a vending stand in Blytheville, was a correspondent student at the school. Her address is 413 Summit, Blytheville, Ark. 72315.

Guy Snow: 85 and Going Strong

The halls of AEB are always full of interesting trainees with stories to tell, heightened by the fact that they come to Little Rock from all over the United States as well as other countries.

Among the most intriguing are the old timers who have a life-time of colorful events in their memory bank.

Eighty-five-year-old Guy Snow of Hot Springs caught the attention of everyone on campus during his two-month stay at AEB in February and March. Alert and jovial, Snow was full of vivid memories of his career in show business that took him from Kentucky and New Orleans to Oklahoma and Arkansas, with other stops in between.

Snow, who lost vision in one eye in a Newport bomb explosion in 1935 and is losing vision gradually in his other eye because of cataracts, came to AEB to learn independent living skills so that he will still be able to maintain his home in Hot Springs where in lives alone since his wife's death.

RAISED ON FARM

Born in Tennessee, Snow was raised on a tobacco farm on the border of Tennessee and Kentucky at Fulton, Ky., one of eight children.

His ambition of becoming a medical doctor was interrupted by World War I, when he served in France in the Air Force. Upon his return home in 1919, Snow, with his father's help, bought the Grand Theatre in Fulton, setting off a career in the theater business that lasted for the next 28 years.

"The cashier at the bank told me moving pictures was the coming business," Snow said.

SANGER JOB

After a successful six-year stay in Fulton where his matinees and evening shows often filled the house, Snow was hired as a manager by the Sanger Theater Co., owner of numerous large theaters in Louisiana and surrounding states. This association took him later to Hope, Ark., where he described the Sanger Theater there as one of the best around.

He took a short leave from the company to travel as a divisional manager with engineers who were

promoting the new invention of sound for pictures. His boss held the patent for the sound development. "I knew all the theater men south of Chicago," Snow said. "I was tickled to death to see sound come in."

His last theater job before retirement in 1945 was as city manager of the five theaters in Hot Springs.

GOOD OLD TIMES

Reminiscing with Guy carries the listener away to the days when player pianos and pump organs provided background music for pictures, when Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney were making their climb and when admission to the movies was 20 cents for adults, 10 cents for children, and popcorn was a nickel a bag. His theaters carried all the big-time live acts that played between pictures: Will Rogers, the Ziegfeld Follies, Mae West.

"I remember Mae West in New Orleans. She wasn't anything in person like she was on stage. But she always had that same walk."

Retirement didn't set well with Snow. He soon began selling a new product on the market, televisions, for Oklahoma Tire & Supply Co. He has also worked at the gates at Oaklawn horse racing track in Hot Springs and was the first campaign manager for Rep. Wilbur Mills.

As he got older, Snow's vision began to worsen. "I was just having to take chances before I came to AEB," he said. "A cab slid sideways to miss me. It got me worried about crossing the street."

LION CONTACT

Snow talked about his problem to Joe Poe of the Hot Springs Lions Club who told him about AEB. Snow and his daughter, who lives in Little Rock, came to the center for a tour, and he decided he needed the training that was available.

"I enjoyed my visit here and met a lot of nice people," he said. "What amazes me is the sense of humor that the blind people have."

Early on, he asked the trainees to call him Guy. "I didn't want to be identified as an old man," he explained. "I believe in keeping up with the times. If I had a chance, I'd go to the moon. I'd go as a busboy if they'd let me."

Those who know Guy and his zest for life believe him.

Elderly Training

While much of AEB's training is geared to helping blind people become prepared for employment, the center also offers a general training program, called personal adjustment to help those persons who are not looking for employment.

An independent living course is designed to give men and women, many of them senior citizens, skills to enable them to function effectively in their home settings. Since nearly 55 percent of the blind population in the United States are 65 years and older, a training program for these individuals is important. Also significant is the fact that 37 percent of these citizens are 75 years or older.

This short term, intensive training program provides training in areas such as housekeeping, cooking, grooming, clothing care, table etiquette and home repair. For communication, trainees learn braille, typing and community resource information. They are also instructed in the use of the white cane for orientation and mobility.

Another program by AEB for senior citizens is a Title XX grant program funded by the Social Security Act which trains senior citizen center personnel how to work with blind people. AEB employs two staff members who travel to senior citizen homes throughout the state to work with this project.

2811 Fair Park

Larry Doyle

Barbara East

Two new employees have joined AEB's staff. They are Barbara East, counselor, and Larry Doyle, computer programmer/instructor. East comes to AEB from Arkansas Social Services where she was employed as a case worker. She has also worked with Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) while obtaining a master's degree in counseling psychology at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. Her BS degree is in psychology from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. A native of Rose Bud, Barbara grew up in North Little Rock where she lives now. She has three children, and her hobbies include playing golf and growing roses. Doyle, who grew up on the East Coast, previously worked as chairman of the mathematics department for the Charleston County School District in Charleston, S.C. He has also had experience teaching computer science. He has BS degrees in business admistration and business education from Bryant College at Providence, R.I. Doyle, 32 lives in Little Rock and his hobby is sailing.

AEB's work evaluation area is now better equipped to evaluate blind and visually impaired trainees for blue collar jobs. The center purchased $6,000 worth of equipment from the Valpar Component Work Sample Series with some of the funds received from the trust fund of the Trebing Memorial Home for Blind Women in Little Rock. Explained Debbie Waller, AEB's coordinator of vocational services: "The equipment will allow us to measure more thoroughly physical capacities, dexterities and aptitudes for industrial type jobs."

When AEB last month admitted 11 students in the latest Computer Programmer class — the largest group ever — the seams finally had to be let out on the already cramped classroom space. Jim Davis, director of community relations whose office is adjacent to the classroom, moved down the hall to allow expansion by tearing down the wall between the two rooms. More than 40 trainees were evaluated for the programmer course, one of the most popular vocational programs at the center. To meet the students' needs, the program recently received two grants totaling more than $40,000 to purchase new equipment. While finances are still needed for the program and computer and classroom space still needs expansion, . these problems spell something: a successful course that has opened employment avenues to blind and visually impaired persons.

Trainees listen in large group meeting to two members of the Arkansas Children's Theatre cast playing a scene from "The Miracle Worker."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AEB from Mildred Bradford

Birthday Banquet

Ed Barry's Irish eyes were smiling on March 17 when he spoke to staff and trainees at a banquet celebrating the center's 34th anniversary. Barry, a member of the Little Rock Pulaski Heights Lions Club, was the appropriate speaker for two reasons: He has been a strong supporter of the AEB Rehabilitation Center since its beginning, and with his renowned Irish tenor voice, he was able to treat the crowd with a couple of numbers that certainly would have pleased St. Patrick himself.

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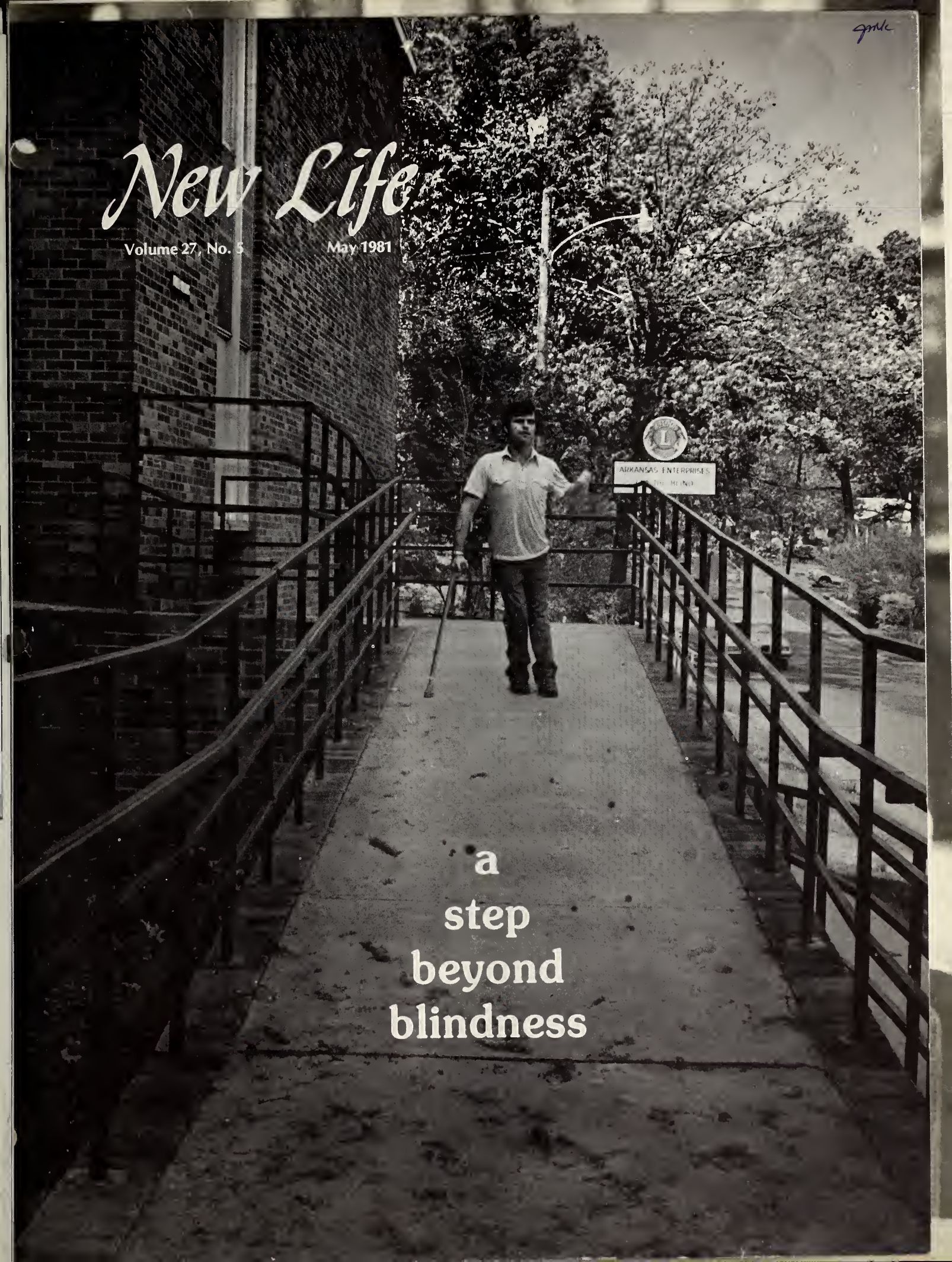

a step beyond blindness

Editorial

By Invitation Only

Another state convention has rolled around and if you check the program you are almost certain to find one segment of the convention devoted to membership. Membership programs have become to Lions like death and taxes are to our nation — there's no getting around the subject.

Unfortunately, that's the way it has to be. Just as our nation needs taxes to maintain services, Lions clubs must have members to be effective. Sometimes we must wonder how effective our membership efforts are, especially when we read in a statewide newspaper about an individual from another state — a Lion — who had a horrible (at least as far as Arkansas Lions' membership is concerned) experience in this state.

(Before going any farther, this editorial is not meant to reflect poorly on the Lions of the city where it happened. Most likely it could have happened in any Arkansas city where there is a Lions club. We all share the blame and we all must work together to solve the problem.)

The **Arkansas Gazette** carried a feature story in the Omnibus section one recent Sunday about the experience of five persons who had moved to Arkansas. It discussed how they liked the state, their acceptance by the people of their adopted home, and their general thoughts on Arkansas.

One man interviewed was a Lion from Michigan. He said he had been living in an Arkansas city for 15 months, but had not really gotten involved. He had several reasons, including his wife's illness that prevented much socializing and his own reluctances to get very deeply involved when he is planning on retiring in three years and returning to Michigan.

According to the **Gazette**, he said, "When I came here, there was an article in the local newspaper that listed that I was a Lion, and a Mason, and a member of the Eastern Star, and was a Methodist. I've been deluged with Methodist ministers, but I haven't heard anything from the others."

Later in the story he listed his Lions club work as one of his favorite enjoyments, and then told this story: "Someone came by our house once from the Lions club selling light bulbs, and I mentioned that I was a Lion myself. He mumbled something, and I never heard anything from him or the group again."

No doubt but that it's time Arkansas Lions took a long, hard look at membership. Members are the lifeblood of the association. Hopefully, something new, or motivating, will come from the state convention and Lions from other states, or potential Lions who are native Arkansans, will be "deluged" with invitations to be one of us.

— Jim Davis
Community Relations Director

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On The Cover

A step beyond blindness — that's what AEB offers to the many multiple handicapped persons who receive training at the center. Eddie Turner of Lenoir City, Tenn., is one of the trainees currently enrolled at AEB who have to learn to deal with blindness in addition to other handicaps. Eddie is legally blind and has polio. The article is on pages 4 and 5.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

College Prep Starts Next Month

AEB's annual college preparatory course will get underway next month, bringing together youths, most of them high school graduates, who will be in training for eight weeks.

This year, the course will be offered from June 8 through Aug. 7. Dr. John Lammers, professor of English at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, will be the academic instructor. This marks his sixth year to participate in the program.

Lammers traveled to Baton Rouge on April 23 and 24 to speak to high school students at the Louisiana School for the Blind about the preparatory program. This was the first time Dr. Lammers has been able to meet directly with students before the program begins.

Three hours of college credit in freshman English will be offered from the University of Central Arkansas for students who successfully complete the program. These credits are transferable to any college or university.

As the title of the course implies, the summer session is designed to help students planning to enter college obtain academic skills that will make the transition from high school to college easier.

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OBSERVATION — Yong Bong Park and his wife, Yong Sun, of South Korea talk with Billie Elder, AEB's field consultant, about her work. Mr. and Mrs. Park observed all of AEB's training program while at the center in April on a research fellowship.

Board Grants Three Scholarships

Three scholarships for international trainees seeking assistance for their training at AEB were approved by the International Services for the Blind's board of directors during their recent annual meeting.

Approved were Samson O. Adeleke and David Akanji, both from Nigeria, and Dorothy Poss of South Africa.

Each scholarship is conditioned on two factors — each recipient agrees to return to his home country and teach the blind and each finds additional financing to cover transportation and room and board.

Another applicant, an individual from Turkey, is being considered for scholarship assistance.

ISB scholarships are funded by light bulb sales and grants. A $10,000 Lions Club International Fund grant (see story on page 6) was recently awarded ISB, bùt was designated for four trainees other than those approved by the board.

Speaking to the directors was Yong Bong Park, Seoul, Korea, AEB's first international trainee. He is now a successful businessman and worker for the blind in Korea. Also speaking was Francisco Brito of Venezuela, one of four scholarship recipients of the LCIF grant.

A matter of great concern discussed by the board was the light bulb program. Roy Kumpe, ISB president, explained the WATS line and sales results since its installation. Kumpe said ISB's price was competitive and that the organization was now marketing a greater variety of light bulbs.

The board re-elected Jess Odom, chairman; Roy Kumpe, president; Margaret Kolb, first vice president; Dr. J. M. Fowler, second vice president; Stanley Price, secretary; and George Tyler, treasurer.

Got Any News?

If you have any items or ideas for future articles, please let us know. We also welcome comments about the AEB program or articles which have been in past issues of **New Life.** Please call Jim Davis or Judy Williams at 664-7100, or write us at 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, Ark. 72204.

Yong Bong Park Back At AEB On Fellowship

AEB's first international trainee who came to the center on a scholarship in 1956 returned to spend three weeks at AEB during April.

Yong Bong Park, a successful businessman who is blind and lives in Seoul, South Korea, came with his wife to the center as a visiting fellow to observe the training program.

A research specialist at the Institute of Rehabilitation Science at Hansa University in Seoul, Park was commissioned by the university as a research fellow to study rehabilitation of the blind in the United States.

After leaving AEB, he will go to Boston, Mass., to visit the Perkins School for the Blind, New York City to visit the American Foundation for the Blind and the Helen Keller International Center, and Washington, D.C., to visit the National Library for the Blind.

After receiving training at AEB during the summer of 1956, Park returned to the center the following summer for more training before entering the teacher training program for the School for the Blind in Korea. Upon his return to Seoul, he taught at the School for the Blind where he met his wife, Yong Sun, who is sighted. He and his wife started the first rehabilitation center for the adult blind in his country under the sponsorship of an opthalmologist.

When his two children arrived, he needed a larger income and started practicing the only profession that blind people are trained and licensed to do in his country, a masseur. He had the imagination and leadership ability to organize other blind people to work for him. Now he owns two massage clinics with 23 blind persons and 18 sighted persons as supportive help.

Park has maintained his interest in work with the blind as a leader of a Protestant church for blind people and as publisher of a magazine for the blind. He is president of the Evangelical Council of the Blind Churches of South Korea.

Special Training Offered

When There's More Than One Ha

Most people who aren't directly involved with AEB's training program aren't aware of the number of multi-handicapped trainees AEB serves.

Normally, about 60 percent of the persons in training have other handicaps in addition to blindness, according to Amy Pais, AEB's coordinator of adjustment services.

Some of these handicaps include diabetes, deafness, polio, cerebral palsy, multiple schlerosis, trauma caused by accidents, drug-related handicaps and orthopedic handicaps such as paraplegia.

The handicap seen more frequently is severe brittle diabetes, a disorder which requires the individual to maintain a constant balance between insulin, food and exercise. The second leading handicap is orthopedic — everything from paraplegia, polio, cerebral palsy or an accident-related disability.

AEB differs from many rehabilitation centers across the country that have programs for blind persons and even centers that offer training for multiple handicapped persons. Many centers must be selective in trainees they can serve because of their staff and facility limitations. AEB, however, is equipped to evaluate almost all persons, no matter what their handicaps, with the exception of psychotic individuals who might interfere with the training of others at the center.

"We don't keep anyone, though, unless we see potential for progress," Pais pointed out. "We don't offer a custodial care service."

Training for persons with multi-handicaps is designed to meet the particular needs of the individual within the boundaries of his or her handicap.

"We work with their schedule. For example, if a person is in a wheel chair, we work out a schedule so that it's convenient for him to move from room to room with a limited amount of physical movement," Pais said.

DEAF AND BLIND trainee Charles Pope of Prattsville, Ark., (left) practices sign language skills with Adren Duncan, AEB's deaf-blind specialist. Pope, who entered training last month to receive personal adjustment skills, is 19 years old.

"Peak periods of energy are taken into consideration during the training schedule. Some trainees need a rest period during the day."

AEB's complete medical staff enables the physical condition to be monitored even more than usual for a person with multiple handicaps. This close watch is especially needed when seizures or any other crises might arise. Many of these trainees, especially diabetics, require medication during the day, some as much as eight to 10 different medications daily.

Some of the trainees, usually those with orthopedic handicaps, require therapy with professionals which is arranged in the community. Any special instructions from the physician or therapist are followed by AEB's staff.

The center is equipped with aids designed for varying handicaps. It might be something as simple as a metal plate guard used at meals by persons who have limited hand use, or a bathtub with handrails equipped for the orthopedically handicapped. For those in wheel chairs, ramps and elevators make the center barrier free.

Psycho-social counseling at the center is geared to helping a person cope with disabilities, often requiring a more in-depth level of counseling for those with more than one handicap. Some of the special areas needed are guidance in grief and life planning, establishing both short term goals for those with severe progressive disabilities and long-term goals for others.

Pais has found, however, that persons with multiple handicaps don't suffer more from depression than trainees whose only impairment is blindness.

"Overall, it appears that their attitude hinges on motivation," she said. "In fact, I often see multi-handicapped trainees have a higher self-discipline in their training, probably because they have had to live with their handicaps and have had to be disciplined."

Those with actively progressive diseases who have an awareness of

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their prognosis, however, tend to have more psychological problems, she said. "But if their disability is stable, then they usually have more courage and more self-discipline."

Because of two main factors — a nation full of people who have longer life spans and a nation that is becoming more aware of rehabilitation for handicapped persons — the number of trainees at AEB with multiple handicaps is on the incline, Pais said.

For example, there was a time when AEB served very few deaf-blind trainees. Pais said AEB expects soon to be training four or five deaf-blind persons at one time.

DIFFERENT GOALS — Trainees at AEB who have multiple handicaps come to AEB seeking a variety of goals, as do all trainees, falling into general categories of personal adjustment training or vocational training. Kendall Yeager (top), totally blind since he was 5 years old, is learning personal management skills. Yeager, who has cerebral palsy and hydrocephalus, uses AEB's elevators and ramps for mobility. He is from Tulsa, Okla. At right, Dawn Clawson of Romulus, Mich., is operating AEB's switchboard as part of her switchboard/receptionist course. Dawn, 26, also has cerebral palsy, and her visual loss is the result of retrolental fibroplasia. Bill Thomas (far right) has enough vision to read a closed circuit viewing system in his computer programmer course. Thomas, 22, has spastic paralysis of his left arm and leg which resulted from an injury sustained in a fall from a ladder. The injury also caused a brain abscess. He is from Nampa, Idaho.

Alumni News

The Rev. Jerry Crook (1964 & 1976) recently made the news in an Associated Press article concerning his views about blindness. "Mobility is the key to living in a world of darkness," said Rev. Crook, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church at Americus, Ga. "What we are is God's gift to us; what we do is our gift to God," said the 34-year-old Crook who lost his sight in 1964 in an auto accident. His mobility ranges from riding across southwest Georgia fields on his favorite horse to water skiing.

Jack McSpadden (1967) has been elected president of the Metrocenter Toastmasters, a new club chartered recently in the downtown Little Rock area. McSpadden, whose wife Donna is an orientation and mobility instructor at AEB, is staff supervisor in the personnel department in Little Rock's Southwestern Bell office.

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Matthew Mussa (1968) recently corresponded with one of AEB's staff members. He sends his address as Box 342, Gambon, R de Panama.

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Susan Dunn (1970) was in the limelight recently when a play she had written about her experience with blindness, "The Drummer I Must March To?" was the basis of a theatrical production that was performed at the University of Maryland. Dunn, who lost her sight as the result of a horseback riding accident in 1969, included her training experience at AEB in the play. A graduate of the University of Maryland who had acted in plays at the university before she became blind, Dunn played the central character in "The Drummer." For more information about the play, contact Susan at 1115 Burketon Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20783.

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Nancy Stockton and Ray Thornton, both 1981 graduates of AEB's computer programmer vocational course, were married on April 4 in Austin, Tex. Nancy and Ray, who met at AEB, are both employed as computer programmers in Austin, where Nancy's family lives. Their address is 3101 Yellowpine Terrace, Austin, Tex. 78757. Nancy is employed by a private firm, Geotronics, and Ray works for the state Department of Human Services.

By-Lions

Lion Hardin Jones, chairman of the statewide Lions Youth Exchange Program, is searching for three host families to accommodate three young men from Japan who will be here from July 18 to Aug. 30 this summer. Homes for two other boys have already been provided by District N. Host families are asked to provide food and housing for their guests and to show them as much of Arkansas as possible. If you are interested in the program, contact Jones at Box B, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901, 623-6607.

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AEB President Don Freel read a poem to Lions at the Louisiana State Lions Convention in Shreveport last month that was submitted to him by the Jacksonville Lions Club. The poem, about blindness, was written by Barbie Lipko, daughter of Lion Pete Lipko, third vice president and treasurer of the club. Barbie has been active in the club's service projects and fund-raising activities, and the poem and its warm insight are worth sharing:

What I Do

Not seeing anybody;
not looking for a clue,
What else is there
that a blind person can do.

I sit all day in a dark empty room;
with help at beck-n-call,
Everyone thinks I'm helpless
that I can do nothing at all.

But one day I will show them
that I am on the go,
Being blind is not all bad;
and is not all I know!

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An editorial writer for the Crossett News Observer last month in an editorial column, while lamenting about being besieged with "one charitable organization after another wanting a few dollars or a few pennies for this and that," at the same time praised the Crossett Lions Club's fund-raising idea — a radio and TV auction — which "provided a refreshing change" and gave people something in return for their money. Perhaps most important of all, the writer said, was that the beneficiaries of the auction, such as Girl and Boy Scouts, the public library and AEB, are the recipients of the Lions Club's benevolences. The club raised slightly more than $4,000.

Grant Will Sponsor Foreign Trainees

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded a $10,000 grant to International Services for the Blind to help sponsor international trainees to AEB.

The grant will be used to pay the partial tuition and room and board of four international trainees.

They include George Zerbakos of Athens, Greece; Francisco Brito Cabrera of Caracas, Venezuela; Lucy Manzano of Cali, Columbia; and Christian Calderon of Bogota, Columbia. Cabrera, who is already in training at the center, is now undergoing personal adjustment training and then will receive professional training for work in the field of blindness. Manzano and Calderon will also receive professional training, and Zerbakos will receive personal adjustment and vocational skills.

As stipulated in the grant funds, the four must return to their countries to work in the field of blindness.

Dr. J. M. Fowler of Little Rock, Lions Clubs International third vice president, was instrumental in obtaining the grant. District Governor Wes Smelley of Little Rock presented the check for the grant to Roy Kumpe, president of ISB.

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Spring time always comes with a burst of color to AEB. A bed of purple and white irises has been in bloom, as well as azaleas, crab apple trees and roses. One of the most welcome sights is always the large dogwood tree on the north side of the administration building. Here, personal management instructor Mary Jane Blythe examines the blooms with Crystal Humphries, a trainee from Atlanta, Ga.

Starnes

Jones

Two new employees have joined AEB's staff, Lynnda Jones as grant writing specialist and Louise Starnes as dormitory supervisor. Jones is returning part time to AEB after working as coordinator for the Arkansas Legal Services State Support Center. She previously worked as coordinator of special projects at AEB. A 1979 graduate of the UALR School of Law, she is now in private practice as an attorney. Jones also has a master's degree in sociology from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Ouachita Baptist University. Starnes, who lives in Little Rock, has worked with the elderly in the past.

It was a full day of training for District Gov.-Elect Jim Russell and his wife, Annolee, of Jonesboro when they came to the center on April 3 for observation. They met many of the staff and trainees and had some hands-on experiences in the training program. All of the district governors-elect have been invited to come spend a day at AEB to become better acquainted with their state project. As governors, they will serve on AEB's board.

A grandfather clock. An automatic dishwasher. A furnished dorm room. A sewing machine for the handicapped. What do they have in common? They represent only a portion of a list of items that have been donated to AEB by Lions and Lioness clubs across the state. The most recent gift came from the Liberty Lions Club — a new portable black and white television set for low vision training. These gifts are always a welcome sight to the staff and trainees since many of them are the "little extras" that don't fall within the budget.

Memorials

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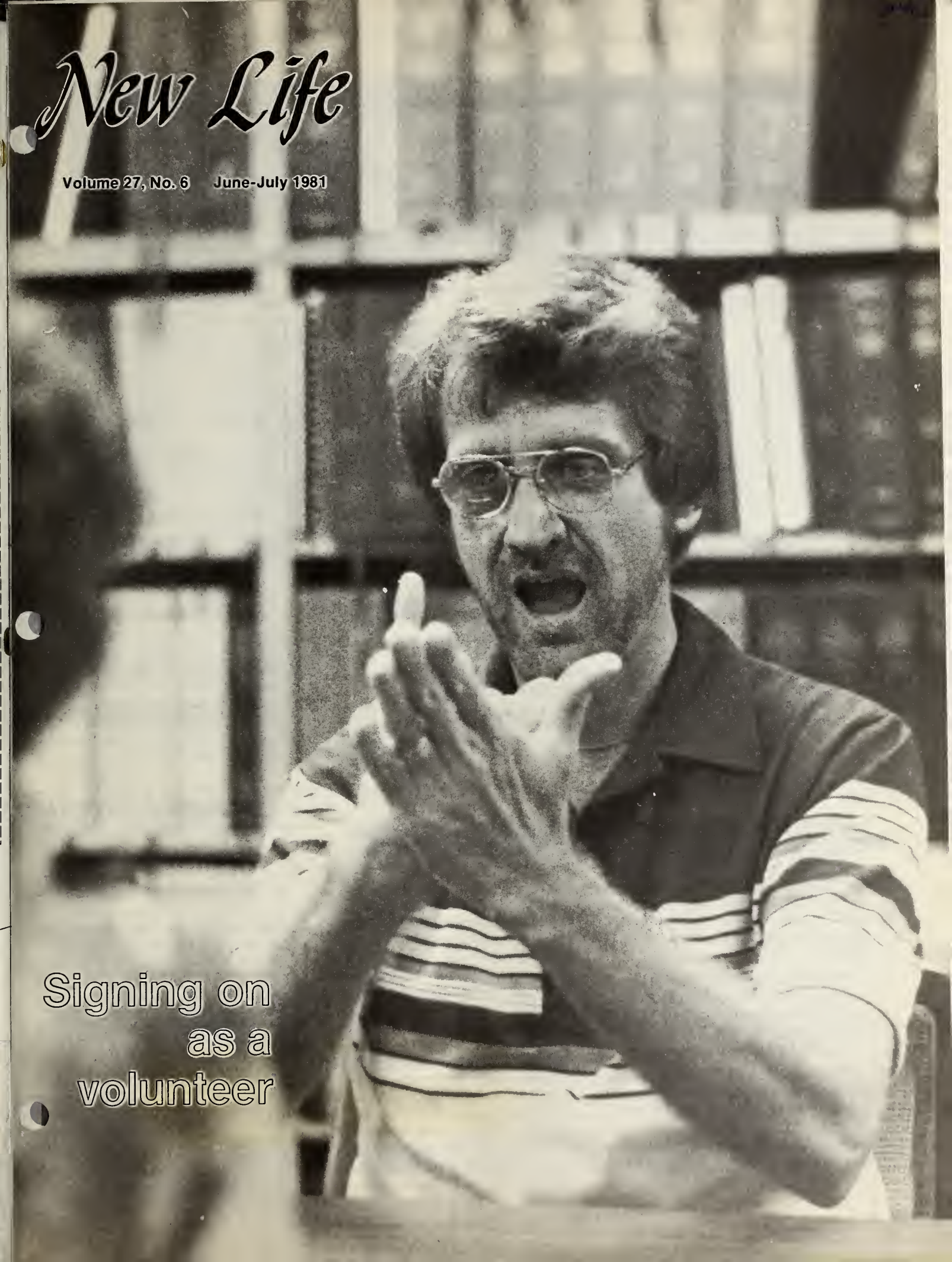

Signing on as a volunteer

Editorial

Running On Steam

There has to be something a little peculiar about a fellow who spends his day off in his suit and tie driving 225 miles round-trip to work at a job that doesn't pay anything.

But then, those people who know Don Freel are aware of his unconventional manner of doing things.

The folks at AEB got indoctrinated into the ways of Freel last fiscal year when the optometrist from Hope served as AEB's board president. It didn't take the staff long to figure out that his visits on Mondays were to become a habit for the whole year. No more goofing off on Mondays, at least not until the President was gone.

There wasn't a safe place in the center. He sat in on staff meetings, checked out the equipment in the darkroom, sampled the coffee in the snack bar and casually dropped by individual offices and training areas. On several occasions he brought along Chris, his wife, who wedged her visits in between working on a graduate degree, teaching aerobics and raising their children.

Although his track record wasn't quite perfect on his Mondays off, his attendance record at the monthly board meetings on Wednesday nights was. He often represented AEB at extra functions, such as the retirement dinner for Lou Rives.

During his last Monday visit before his term ended and just days before his picture joined the photo gallery of past AEB presidents in the Conference Room, Dr. Freel was asked by a curious staff member if he would make his way back to the center now and then.

"Oh, you haven't got rid of me yet," Don assured her. "I still have a year to go on the board (as immediate past president)."

Whew! We thought maybe his steam had run out.

There has to be something a little peculiar about a has-been president who . . .

— **Judy Williams**
Editor

On The Cover

You meet the most interesting people at AEB. This month we're introducing you to Monty Ball (if you haven't already met him). He's an outgoing person who is currently doing full-time volunteer work at the center. A former trainee, he's deaf and legally blind and so is his wife. Monty loves people, loves to learn new words and be introduced to new ideas. The minute he learns a person is interested in conversing with him, Monty jumps right in and begins teaching them sign language, which he has done with many of the AEB staff and trainees. His volunteer job at AEB is working with deaf and blind trainees.

In This Issue

As usual, there's a lot happenin at AEB, and many things to repo. since the last issue in June. In this issue, you can read about AEB's new officers of the board, plans for an AEB alumni association, an upcoming energy fair that will be a fund-raiser for AEB, just to mention a few articles.

Alumni Association Being Formed

Twenty-one former AEB trainees gathered in July to discuss forming an AEB alumni association during the annual American Council of the Blind convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Roy Kumpe, AEB founder and president of International Services for the Blind, and Billie Elder, AEB's field consultant, presented the proposal to the group.

Still in the planning stages, the association would call on AEB graduates to take leadership roles in the organization. A newsletter on tape would be available to the membership. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the association should write or call Elder at AEB.

Former trainees attending the organizational meeting represented about 15 states and all areas of training offered at the center, personal adjustment, College Prep and vocational, during the years 1961 to 1980.

Elder was on the program at the convention, along with two other AEB staff members, Amy Pais and Wayne Gum. The convention marked the retirement of Duward McDaniels as national representative of ACB. He is succeeded by Oral Miller, former attorney for the Small Business Association in Washington, D.C.

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NEW OFFICERS — A new slate of officers of AEB's board of directors was elected on June 7 for this fiscal year. Walker Tucker (center), a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, is president. Other officers and their clubs include (from left) Wes Smelley, treasurer, Little Rock Park Plaza; Hardin Jones, secretary, Hot Springs; Milton Brummer, first vice president, Hot Springs Village Evening; and Al Isenman, second vice president, Little Rock Founders.

Internationals

Two international trainees enrolled at AEB this summer, Joanne Covo of Mexico City, Mexico, and Luis Alberto Herrera of Panama.

Covo, a sighted teacher, will leave in August after six weeks of professional training to prepare her to be an instructor of special education teachers in Mexico. She is the daughter of Ruth Covo, a board member of International Services for the Blind and founder of the first volunteer agency for the blind in Mexico City.

Herrera, who was recently blinded, is taking five months of personal adjustment training. A professor of electronics, mathematics and physics, he lost his job when his vision became impaired. He hopes to gain skills that will enable him to teach again in Panama. His training is made possible by a scholarship from the Lions Club International Foundation.

Tucker Elected Board President

Walker Tucker, a senior vice president of finance at Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Arkansas, will lead the AEB board this fiscal year as president.

A member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, he was elected June 7 at AEB's quarterly board meeting.

Tucker, who has served on the board for the past four years, said his primary goal as president is a financial one. "I plan to do everything I can to raise the money to operate this year in view of President Reagan's 25 percent cutback in disability funds for the year," he said.

Other new officers are Milton Brummer of Hot Springs Village, first vice president; Al Isenman of Little Rock, second vice president; Hardin Jones of Hot Springs, secretary; and Wes Smelley of Little Rock, treasurer.

Tucker has been associated with Blue Cross-Blue Shield for 31 years. He has been a member of the Little Rock Founders Club for 16 years and is a past president of the club.

He is a graduate of Harrison High School and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He and his wife have three children and two grandchildren.

Monty Ball:

volunteer with a message

Ten years ago Monty Ball came to AEB as the center's first deaf and blind trainee. He represented a new challenge for the staff at AEB, who made special efforts to learn to communicate with Monty by sign language and who learned to adapt training methods to meet his needs.

Today, Monty is reciprocating that "extra mile" treatment that he received at AEB. He is working as a full-time volunteer at the center, mainly as an interpreter for the deaf-blind trainees and staff. He is also teaching a sign language class to staff members, as well as helping out in training areas such as social skills, cooking and mobility.

He began the volunteer work in March, shortly after the AMF plant where he was employed closed. For the past eight months he has been unemployed. Being deaf and blind, he has had difficulty getting an interview, not to mention a job. Once he does get an interview, employers have been hesitant to hire him because they fear for his safety on the job.

Monty's savings account is quickly dwindling in the meantime. He supports his wife, Carol, who is also deaf and legally blind, and their two daughters.

He is a vocational graduate of the Arkansas School for the Deaf. He was trained to be a dental technician, and he worked in that capacity for seven years until 1971 when his vision began to deteriorate to the point that he lost his job.

Born deaf, Monty first developed visual problems at age 15. He soon learned that he had retinitis pigmentosis and that he would gradually lose more of his vision.

At AEB, Monty, referred to the center by the Stuttgart Lions Club, learned to read and write braille and personal adjustment skills to prepare for his future blindness. He now has some reading vision, but no peripheral or night vision.

His wife is a homemaker. Their children, ages 8 and 9, have hearing and sight and attend public schools. They communicate with their parents by sign language.

Monty is intent on supporting his family and has steadfastly tried to be a role model for other deaf and blind people. He pays particular attention to being well groomed and having a patient and cheerful disposition. He is active in leadership positions at his church, First Baptist Church, and as a member of the Fraternity for the Deaf and the Arkansas Council of the Blind.

Many families have tried to hide their deaf and blind children from the public. As a result, their inhibitions and lack of communication often cause the public to consider them ignorant or mentally retarded, Monty explained. He becomes upset when people refer to deaf and blind people as "dumb" or "mute."

By working in the public and by portraying a positive image of himself as a deaf-blind person, Monty hopes to change the attitude of people toward deaf-blind people and to change the often frightened attitude of the deaf-blind.

He believes that part of his mission is being accomplished as a volunteer at AEB, commenting through an interpreter: "I like to feel a part of the family at AEB. I like to be able to help the deaf communicate and to help them learn what they can do."

MONTY (above) interprets a conversatior between deaf-blind trainee Charles Pope o Prattsville, Ark., and his orientation anc

obility instructor, Judy McGee. His facial pressions (below) and signs are very dis- ct and easily understood.

Alumni News

Dr. Billy Miller (College Prep 1963) is living in Kansas City, Mo., where he works as a consultant for Apollo Electronics. He is retired, having worked in the past as a special education professor at the University of Arizona and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Dr. Miller renewed acquaintances with some of the AEB staff and former trainees in July when he attended the annual convention of the American Council of the Blind in St. Louis, Mo.

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While in Crossett, Ark., for a noon Lions Club meeting, a couple of AEB members got the chance to visit with **Peggy (Estelle) Camplain** (1970) who has been working as a switchboard operator for the past nine years at First National Bank of Crossett. She has been married for six years, and lives at Route 1, Box 270-A, Hamburg, Ark. 71646.

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Ann (Johnston) Antonetti (1975), a graduate of the Taxpayer Service Representative program, was at AEB in June to attend the Admissions Committee for the latest TSR class. Antonetti, originally from Luxington, S.C., is now in Boston, Mass., working as handicap coordinator for the Boston district Internal Revenue Service office and a taxpayer service specialist. She has been with the IRS for six years. In addition, she serves on the Governor's and Boston Committee for the Handicapped.

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John D. Schalzle (1978) visited the center recently with his wife, Lisa. They were married last August. John, who has graduated from the Baton Rouge Vocational Technical School in carpentry, is currently working in Baton Rouge as a landscape architect. While in Arkansas, they stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hocutt of Hot Springs, a family John met during his training at AEB. The Schalzles' address is 8820 Greenwell Springs Road, No. 111, Baton Rouge, La. 70814.

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Joe Cook (1979) has written to say that he is now employed at Kurztown State College in Pennsylvania as a personnel assistant. Joe reports that in March he had a successful second corneal transplant which has improved his vision. A graduate of AEB's Personnel Interviewing Program, he sends his mailing address as 301 E. Main St., Apt. 5, Kurztown, Pa. 19530.

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Sidna Hollenbeck (1979) and Craig Ford (1979) were married on June 6 in Leesville, La. Sidna is now working at the Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, and Craig operates a vending stand in New Orleans.

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Fatma Akincibay (1980) and Michael Floyd (1980) were married on June 5 in Turkey. They plan to make their home in Tulsa, Okla. Fatma was a professional trainee from Istanbul, Turkey.

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Johnnie Battaglia (College Prep 1980) writes that she has completed her freshman year at Northeast Louisiana University at Monroe. She was listed on the honor roll with a grade point average of 3.67.

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After winding up six weeks of professional training at AEB in June (1981), **Dorothy Poss** of South Africa sent back kind words to the AEB staff: "It will only be in retrospect that I shall fully realize how much I've gained by coming to AEB. For accepting me so openly and answering my hundreds of questions, I thank you all. The real thank you will be the new skills and programs I can establish in South Africa. It's been a most worthwhile experience for me." Poss is superintendent of the Enid Whitaker Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Johannesburg.

Visitors Anticipate Gov.'s Day

AEB has already received a good response from invitations mailed for the 21st annual Visiting Governor's Day set for Aug. 29 and 30, with replies coming in daily.

One invitation evoked this reply from a district governor in Missouri: "I'd walk to Little Rock before I would miss your tour."

Herman West, Governor's Day chairman, said he has been pleased with the number of Lions who have signed up as hosts this year, but he is asking for more volunteers to assure hosts for all visitors.

Thirteen district governors from Iowa and Nebraska, two new states invited this year, have made reservations to attend.

This is the second year a Governor's Day award will be presented to a club, district or state which contributed the most to AEB in the preceding year. Last year, District 12-L of Tennessee received the award. Ken Hanna was district governor and Bill Holbrook was AEB chairman.

Several clubs have indicated that they will be bringing checks or making pledges for this year during the event. These presentations will be a part of the program.

Featured speaker will be Lions International President Kaoru "Kay" Murakami of Hawaii. Arkansas' Dr. J. M. (Jim) Fowler of Hot Springs, second international vice president, will issue the challenge to the Lions.

The program will include the traditional tour and program at AEB, and several current international board members and past directors will be in attendance. Headquarters will be at the Sam Peck Hotel.

HANDSHAKE — AEB vocational trainee Ed Sokolowski shakes hands with Arkansas Secretary of State Paul Riviere during the state's 145th anniversary reception at the State Capitol on June 15. AEB trainees were asked by Riviere's office to bake and serve the cakes for the reception.

By-Lions

Dr. J. M. (Jim) Fowler, Lions International second vice president and AEB board member, has received the annual southwest regional National Rehabilitation Association meritorious service award.

The award was presented to him on June 19 at the regional meeting in Hot Springs. It is given each year to an individual who has distinguished himself for efforts on behalf of the handicapped.

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White Cane chairman for 1981-82 is Elwyn (Chief) Sievers of the Conway Evening Lions Club. White Cane Week is scheduled for Oct. 3 through 11.

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The annual Sight Conservation Forum and President's Day at AEB will be held on Sept. 19. The Sight Conservation Committee for 1981-82 is J. Hardin Jones of Hot Springs, chairman; Dr. Mitch Singleton of Fayetteville, vice chairman; Jim Tate of Jonesboro, secretary; and J. T. Bowden of Lonoke, treasurer.

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The Fayetteville Evening Lions Club has made two substantial contributions to the Fayetteville's City Hospital totaling $8,000. A $3,000 donation will be used to purchase a telmetry cardiac monitoring unit, enabling a physician to assess his patient's cardiac status while involved in exercise. A $5,000 donation will furnish a patient room in the 22-bed geriatric expansion project.

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Cherokee Village's annual golf tournament, a men's invitation scramble, will be held Aug. 29 and 30. It will be limited to 96, two-man teams, with an entry fee of $35 per person. Proceeds will go to AEB. For more information, contact a member of the club or call 257-3243 or 257-3805.

Idea Fair Proceeds Will Benefit AEB

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank will receive the proceeds from the second annual Idea Fair to be held Sept. 17 through 20 at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock.

Open to the public, the fair will feature the latest home energy savings devices and "do-it-yourself" ideas for making a home more energy efficient. The fair is being sponsored by Mechanics Lumber Company.

Included in the attraction will be live entertainment and free rides in a hot air balloon. Admission is $1 per person, with children under 12 admitted free. AEB and EKB will have booths at the fair.

The top door prize to be given away will be a full year's utility bill paid by Mechanics. Doors will be open at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

2811 Fair Park

When something's successful the first time, it is usually wise to try it again. That's what AEB did in June in sponsoring the second annual trainee-staff picnic at Burns Park in North Little Rock. The "do-your-own-thing" event offered something for everyone — amusement rides, softball and beeper ball, horseshoes and lots of good food. One of the most popular attractions, and the best way to beat the heat, was the water slide.

Two new employees have joined AEB's staff. They are Joyce Tucker, instructor for the Computer Programmer class, and Lee Bateman, maintenance engineer. Tucker, 23, is a recent graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, having majored in accounting and data processing. Originally from Illinois, she is engaged to a Little Rock resident. Bateman is retired as a maintenance supervisor for the past 20 years at Siebert's, Inc.

AEB has always been fortunate in having capable staff members who are frequently asked to accept leadership roles in professional and service organizations. In doing so, they are also able to be representatives of AEB. Just recently, Debbie Waller, coordinator of vocational services, was named president-elect for the state chapter of the Vocational Evaluation Work Adjustment Association, a division of the National Rehabilitation Association. In addition, she serves on the board of directors on the regional level.

AEB was well represented in July at the international conference of the American Association of Workers for the Blind held in Toronto, Canada. Executive Director Jim Cordell, who serves on the national board of directors and is the Arkansas chapter's immediate past president, accompanied some staff members to the event. A booth at the conference promoted the center's programs with a slide presentation and literature available to conference participants.

Memorials

(Editor's note — Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

Clarence Irwin *by Cherokee Village Lions Club*
Raymond Dillbeck *by Helen Dillbeck*
David Wilhoit *by Hot Springs Village Eve. Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hayes*
V. G. Spivey *by Mr. and Mrs. Del Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
Cal Miller *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill N. Boston and Family, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Dickerson, David R. Menkus, Lithograph Printing Co., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rehbein, L. B. Sullivan*
Edith Hutchinson *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell*
Troy Braswell *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell*
Lillie Mae Adcock *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith*
Steve Ruozi *by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler*
Pat McAdams *by Mrs. Frank Armstrong*
Bill Fredrick *by Park Plaza Lions Club*
Robert Witt Stevenson, Sr. *by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duke*
Dr. Bennett J. Reaves II *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe*
Lee Ward *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe*
Blanche Westby *by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brummer*
Virginia Wedemeyer *by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brummer*
Anna C. Helmbeck *by A. W. Isenman, Jr.*
Mark Loggains *by Pocahontas Lions Club*
Dalton Stockton *by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson*
Tommy Thompson *by White Hall Lions Club*
Yvonne Koch *by Lila Lampkin, Elise Diesel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe*
Frances Hall *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin, Mrs. Katherine Nethercutt and Wee Whitmore, Pearl P. Byles, Mrs. John G. Womack*
William R. Minor *by Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson*
Joe Ray *by Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
Ben E. Rice *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pace, Jacksonville Evening Lions Club, Rebsamen Insurance*
W. K. Ingram *by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
A. C. Angel *by Mr. and Mrs. Herman West*
Al G. Murphy *by South Hot Springs Lions Club*
James Earl Dixon *by So. Hot Springs Lions Club*
Hoyt Fortson *by Al Isenman*
Leslie Wilson *by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton*
Oma Kate Kraus *by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton*
Mary E. Demo *by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kirby and Michael Holt*
George Lorenz *by Mr. and Mrs. Perrin Hailey*
Mrs. Dominica Lewonowski *by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson*
Ruth J. Griffin *by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tomlinson*
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Mrs. Edward Hopper *by Delcie H. McAvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin, Inez Sorrell, Eva Evans, Lina L. Sheets, Alpha Baranowski, The Ronald Muse Family, South Hot Springs Lions Club, P. H. Knowles*
Mrs. W. A. Reedholm *by Dorothy J. Whitacre*
Roger Armstrong *by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kirby and Michael Holt*
Carrie F. Stone *by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman*
Herbert Carroway *by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman*
Jack Ross *by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman*
Winifred East *by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman*
Ruth Inez Prince *by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman*
Mrs. Alton C. Fausett *by Pearl Byles*
Anna Stedeford *by Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Ludden*
Mrs. Marion Ambrose *by Mr. and Mrs. Theo Pattee*
Mrs. Ora Lee Bowman *by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Nuel Shupe*
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In honor of Man of the Year ***Dr. Marvin Cohen*** *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell*
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In honor of new EKB Board Member ***Ray Powers*** *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell*
In honor of Father's Day, ***Coleman Balentine*** *by Duane Balentine*
In honor of your year as AEB President, ***Dr. Don Freel*** *by AEB Staff Members*

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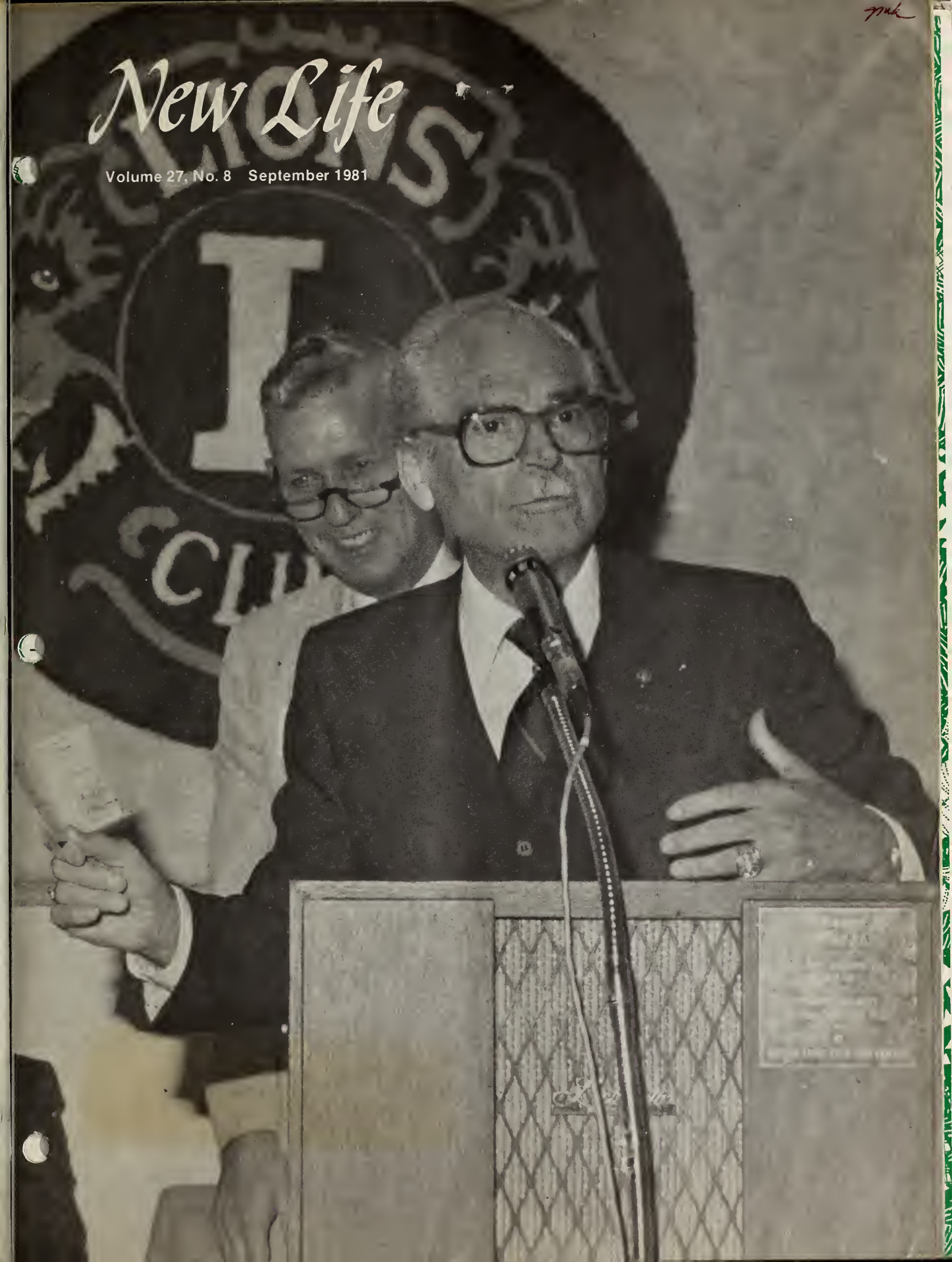

Editorial

New Federalism and AEB

The June issue of NEW LIFE carried an editorial dealing with the crisis facing rehabilitation programs for the blind that would be brought about by the passage of the Block Grant Act method of federal funding, as well as the proposed reductions in levels of federal funding for rehabilitation purposes. In that same editorial, we pointed out the drastic impact that this would have on the lives of blind and visually impaired persons and urged each of you to contact members of your congressional delegation urging that rehabilitation programs for the blind be left intact and that the levels of funding be increased.

I know that many of you responded to this plea by contacting your congressional delegation and have since contacted us with regard to the final outcome of the proposed legislation.

As in all political issues, there is good news and bad news to report. A brief summary follows:

(1) Rehabilitation remains an identifiable and categorical program at the federal level. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 has been extended for two more years and we have escaped the Block Grant act. The originators of the concept did not fade away, and I am sure the proposal will return to haunt us.

(2) Congressionally approved authorizations for rehabilitation programs received a slight increase of approximately five percent. If the five percent increase authorized should be appropriated, it is still inadequate to provide "average" increment increases for the staff of the state rehabilitation agencies, to say nothing of the increased cost in providing services to the clients of those agencies brought about by inflationary pressures upon the vendors from which they purchase services. This means that after the "washing," fewer dollars will be available to the state rehabilitation agencies to provide services for blind or visually impaired individuals.

(3) The Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability insurance rehabilitation programs remain alive but the federal level of funding for these programs was significantly reduced.

Thus, it appears that although we have won a battle, we are still losing the war. Fewer blind and visually impaired people will be served by private and public rehabilitation agencies because fewer dollars will be available to provide the services that are drastically needed. At a recent local meeting of non-profit agencies, we were urged by two members of our congressional delegation to "prepare for a wretching experience" as we try to adjust to the new federalism which places more responsibility for control and funding of human service programs at the local level. It was stressed that the staff and directors of non-profit agencies could no longer depend upon the federal government for a large portion of their operating funds.

In the case of AEB, 66 percent of our operating income is derived from state and federal sources. The new federalism embraces the philosophy that we (staff and board members) must put forth more time to raise funds locally from the private sector if our programs are to survive.

If AEB could supplement its operating budget by contributions through the Lions Clubs of Arkansas and other states and the private sector to the extent that we could reduce the fees significantly that we have to charge the state rehabilitation agencies, we could easily train 400 people in the coming year.

Perhaps the message of the new federalism: that "we have become too dependent upon the federal dollar" is true. Only time will tell.

Jim Cordell, Executive Director

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Past International President Dr. Robert McCullough of Tulsa, Okla., accepted Second Vice President Dr. Jim Fowler's challenge on Visiting District Governor's Day in a big way — a $5,000 check from his club, the Tulsa Downtown Lions. AEB President Walker Tucker's cheerful smile and eager hand indicate he welcomed the check. More on VDGD on page 4.

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President's Day Schedule Set

Lions Club presidents, other officers, and club sight conservation chairmen are being encouraged to attend the Sept. 19 President's Day and Sight Forum at AEB.

PDG Hardin Jones of Hot Springs, state sight conservation chairman, said the program was developed to provide a first-hand look at the services Lions are giving their local community through their statewide projects. "We feel every Lion will benefit from this day," Jones added.

The registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10. The morning session ends at 11:30 with a break for lunch. The afternoon session, which involves hands-on exercises sponsored by AEB, EKB and Mid-South, begins at 12:15. The Forum will end by 3 p.m.

Jones said the top three clubs from each district that conducted the best sight conservation program for last year will be recognized.

Information concerning the meeting has been mailed. Jones said the planners need responses from the Lions as soon as possible in order to make final preparation for the event.

Bulb Sale Expanded

The annual Spring Light Bulb Sale held in Central Arkansas will be expanded to a statewide effort, announced Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind. The sale will be May 10 through 15.

Kumpe reminded the Lions that ISB markets Westinghouse light bulbs in special Lions Club packaging. Proceeds, which ISB earns through the brokerage fee, goes into AEB's operating budget.

A massive promotional campaign through radio, television and newspaper is planned, Kumpe said. Local clubs will receive promotional materials to aid their sales. Kumpe suggests that clubs order their bulbs early to ensure they are on hand for the sale.

PICTURE HANGING — AEB board member Bud Wallace, left, and AEB President Walker Tucker display a Lion oil painting done by Mrs. Wallace. The painting was given to AEB at the July board meeting and now hangs in the Conference Room.

White Cane Week Approaching

"The only barrier to an outstanding White Cane Week effort in Arkansas," 1981 Chairman Elwyn (Chief) Sievers of Conway pointed out, "are the Arkansas Lions."

Sievers, who is making plans for the biggest and best White Cane Week ever in Arkansas, is looking for 100 percent participation from the Lions. "If we don't plan on all taking part, then we won't be doing our job 100 percent," he reasoned.

October 3 through 11 is White Cane Week in Arkansas this year. Information regarding the ordering of stickers and promotional material has already been mailed. Clubs may select any date they wish to hold White Cane, but major emphasis is placed on the October 3 through 11 week.

Sievers said last year only $4,649 was turned in to the Sight Conservation Committee from 23 clubs. "Hopefully," he said, "we'll see a tremendous improvement this year."

White Cane funds are divided 75-25 between AEB and EKB in L and I; and 60-20-20 between the two and Mid-South in O, N and S.

College Prep Students Awarded

Four graduates of AEB's summer College Preparatory course received scholarships last month during graduation ceremonies.

Timothy Vincent of Youngsville, La., received the top award, a $200 scholarship, after being selected the most outstanding student. He also received a $50 award as the male student who made the most progress.

Other scholarships went to Theresa Cooper of Wagoner, Okla., $150 for best all-around female student in the class; John Glisson of South Fulton, Tenn., best all-around male student; and Susan Maroder of Storrs, Conn., female student who made the most progress.

The scholarships, totaling $600, were given by the Delta Gamma sorority and the Arkansas Quasar Chapter of the American Council of the Blind.

A total of 15 students representing five states, including Arkansas, were enrolled in the annual summer program.

A Day With The Governors

AEB's 21st Visiting District Governor's Day on Aug. 29 was another capacity crowd of more than 350 persons attending. The turnout was excellent with international leaders, district leaders and Lions and Lionesses from numerous clubs taking part. Activities included tours of AEB, challenges, challenges accepted and fellowship, all aimed at better serving the blind.

Top left: Staff, volunteers and trainees demonstrate aids and appliances for the blind. Middle left: AEB President Walker Tucker presents the Governor's Day Award to District 12-L, accepted by Mackie Gallimore (left) and Bill Holbrook. (Not pictured is the co-winner of the award, Robert Rees of District 26A2.) Lower left: A trainee explains sewing skills. Upper right: Lions International President Kay Murakami of Japan is being interviewed by a local radio reporter. While at AEB, Murakami presented AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell with the first International President's Award to be given this year.

Alumni News

Louis Everett (1963), a licensed gas installer for pipe fittings and gas appliances in Forrest City, Ark., was featured in an article published recently in his hometown newspaper about his job and his adjustment to blindness. He is married and has two children who live in Memphis.

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Dale Lamar (1973) was promoted this year to public relations director of the Oklahoma League for the Blind in Oklahoma City after working for five years in the workshop there. His work involves traveling and speaking to groups, as well as calling on state counselors.

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Ann McDaniel (1975) was married to Kenneth Jeff Robson on Aug. 29 in Little Rock. Mrs. Robson is employed at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Little Rock where she works as a long distance telephone operator. She was the first blind person in the country to work as a long distance telephone operator for Bell.

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Amy Pais, AEB coordinator of psycho-social services, and son Louis took a recent trip to Baton Rouge where some of the folks from the Baton Rouge office of the Louisiana Blind Services Program and former AEB trainees rolled out the red carpet and showed them the meaning of southern hospitality. **Wilbur (Dick) Byrd** (1977) a state rehabilitation teacher, coordinated the activities, and he and his wife had the Paises over for dinner. **Mike LeClercq** (1981) and his roommate gave them a tour of Baton Rouge and treated them to lunch. LeClercq entered the Louisiana State University School of Law this fall.

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Gary Reid (1977) is now living and working in El Paso, Tex. He is merchandise manager for Montgomery Ward. He would like to get in touch with some of the friends he met at AEB. His address is 7800 Viscount, 23E, El Paso, Tex. 79925, and his telephone number is (925) 778-5727.

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Tom Cottrell (1977) was through Little Rock in August while on vacation and stopped by AEB for a visit. He is still working as a Taxpayer Service Representative for the Cleveland, Ohio, IRS office and moonlights as a pianist at a club. While in training at AEB, Cottrell spoke and entertained at several Lions Club meetings.

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Frank Barrata (1978), a graduate of AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative course, has been promoted to the Taxpayer Service Specialist position in the Oakland, Calif., IRS office. He recently received a special achievement award from IRS.

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Jerry Halstead (1980) and **Betty (Peachey) Halstead** (1980) have moved to Stillwater, Okla., where Jerry has completed two semesters at Oklahoma State University. As a psychology and philosophy major, he has maintained an overall grade point average of 3.53. Betty is studying Grade Three braille and braille music notation. She is the music director for her church. The Halsteads would like to hear from friends they met at AEB. Their address is D2-9 Brumley Apartments, Stillwater, Okla. 74074.

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Jerry Hill (1980) calls AEB frequently to keep in touch. He works as a cabinet builder and also constructs children's outdoor recreation equipment and doll houses in Acworth, Ga.

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Marian Stankiewiscz (1980) is now working for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry as a telephone-receptionist for the Bureau of Workman's Compensation in Harrisburg. She is looking for an apartment and is temporarily living with relatives at 6451 Clearfield St., Harrisburg, Penn. 17111.

Ambassador

It just goes to prove what kind of ambassadors Lions can be for AEB . . . When Dr. J. M. (Jim) Fowler, Lions International second vice president from Hot Springs, was in Phoenix this summer, he was approached by a young man who had heard Fowler's name connected with AEB. The visually impaired man, Leonard Ellis of Lexington, N.C., talked to Fowler about AEB's vocational programs. Ellis, 28, is a member of the West Lexington Evening Lions Club. As soon as the convention was over, Ellis and his mother came to AEB to tour the center. He is now making plans for the future to enroll in one of AEB's vocational courses. He is a business administration major.

When Grads Say It, People Listen

Former trainees of AEB are often the center's best PR people.

Jim Robertson, who is on the staff at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, is a prime example.

The story of how he lost his sight in an automobile accident in early 1960 and how he received rehabilitation training at AEB that year has been told often in newspaper articles and to people with whom he has come in contact.

Robertson, the first former trainee to serve on AEB's board of directors, told his story once again in August when he visited AEB while on a trip to Little Rock. He visited with staff members and spoke to the trainees at a meeting in the auditorium. In his typical enthusiastic style laced with humor, he captured the attention of trainees who have experienced many of his early reactions to blindness.

"I had terrific training while I was here," he said. "When I left, there was all the difference in the world about the way I felt about myself. There was all the difference in the world about the way I could do things. There was all the difference in the world in the way I wanted to do things. The people at AEB gave me a sense of direction."

Robertson explained that he came to AEB soon after his accident in poor physical condition and with a lack of self confidence.

He told some of the Lions at AEB, "You can point to me and say, 'I helped that guy right there.' "

Since childhood, Robertson had always been interested in politics. His later dream was to become a college teacher, both goals Robertson said he probably never would have realized if it weren't for his accident.

"When I came here, I'd finished one and a half years of college and I was scared," Robertson said, recounting how his father had insisted he come to AEB against his will.

"Things I have been able to do since that time I attribute almost completely to my rehabilitation training here. When I left here, I was determined to get my master's degree and teach college."

"You can point to me and say, 'I helped that guy right there.' "
— Dr. Jim Robertson

An average student before he became totally blind, Robertson said the renewed self confidence gave him the incentive to finish college and work for better grades. He earned a BS degree in 1962 and an MS degree in 1964 from the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1979, he received a PhD degree in higher education from the University of Mississippi.

Robertson began teaching first at Hinds Junior College and then joined the USM staff in 1964 as a professor of political science. He resigned in 1967 to run for the public office of state representative. As a representative, he played a key role in passing legislation to establish the Addie McBride rehabilitation center for the blind in Jackson, Miss. During his four years in office, he also fought to improve the public educational system and was the author of the Minimum Education Program which is still in existence.

He didn't seek re-election so he could return to college to work on his doctorate degree.

However, in 1975 he decided to run in a different district for a state house seat but was defeated. "Comparing winning with losing, I can tell you winning is a hell of a lot more fun than losing," he quipped.

Dr. Robertson lives in Hattiesburg with his wife, Linda, and two children, Margie and James. He is a member of the Hattiesburg Lions Club, serving last year and this year as the White Cane chairman. He is active in the Methodist church and is president of his church's Methodist Men's group and is on the board of directors of the Wesley Foundation.

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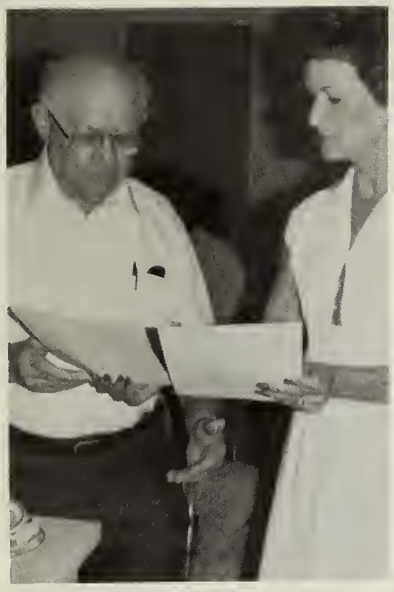

AEB's second annual appreciation luncheon for volunteers on Aug. 4 was a tribute to our "second staff" that last year donated more than 8,000 hours of assistance to staff members and trainees. More than 65 volunteers received certificates of appreciation, two of whom logged 500 hours each. Here, Jeannine Gregory, coordinator of the volunteer program, hands a certificate to long-time volunteer Ted Gray.

Roy Kumpe, president of International Services for the Blind, is realizing a long-time ambition this month — he's touring the People's Republic of China. He and his wife, Berenice, are traveling with ISB board member George Tyler and his wife, Florine. While on tour, Kumpe plans to visit a former AEB trainee in Tokyo, Japan, and later will visit a former trainee in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mid-July brought a new experience for AEB. Six district managers from AT&T's national headquarters came to AEB for a two-day awareness workshop to acquaint them with employment possibilties of hiring blind people. Critiques from them following the seminar indicated that the workshop was successful and should be repeated again, perhaps on a regular basis. Much of the groundwork for the seminar was laid by Jack McSpadden, a former AEB trainee who is personnel manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Little Rock. Here, mobility instructor Carolyn Cook works with a participant.

Karen Waldorff, 19, joined AEB's staff in August as a secretary who also works in the computer department. She is a recent graduate of the Arkansas College of Technology in Little Rock, having taken the computer programming course. She is from Malvern, Ark., and is a 1980 graduate of Ouachita High School.

We didn't realize what a celebrity we were featuring in the last issue of NEW LIFE, but shortly after it was published, the word was out. Monty Ball was the first person to be selected as one of eight outstanding community and state volunteer winners in the fourth annual Community Service Awards competition sponsored by KARK-TV Channel 4 and the state Office of Voluntary Citizen Participation. The awards banquet will be held on Sept. 8 at the Little Rock Convention Center and will be telecast live at 8 p.m. on Channel 4. Each winner will receive a check for $1,000 to be given to the charity of his or her choice, and Ball plans to give his to AEB. Ball, a former deaf-blind trainee at AEB, is on the volunteer staff at the center.

Memorials

Emily Burkett by Lila Lampkin
Charles L. Price by Conway Noon Lions Club
M. C. Blackman by Mr. and Mrs. Arch Haltom
Blanche Tabor by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway
Henry A. Kuhns by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mowrey
Carl L. Ledbetter by Raymond A. Isenman
Eurby Hill by DeQueen Lions Club
Bailey P. Bell by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke
Gus Caple by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Ellsworth Housour by Cherokee Village Lions Club
Eldon Hawley Clemmons by G. P. Russell Family
Maudie Finch by Lonoke Lioness Club
W. P. Thomasson, Jr., by Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney
Hendrik vanRossum by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
John Chandler by Cherokee Village Lions Club
James Pate by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Frank Mann by R. H. Shaddock
Floyd Qualls by Mildred Bradford
Thomas J. McHugh by Mrs. Frank Armstrong
Thellie Grider by Dan Snyder
Dr. Perry Dalton by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Silliman
Emmett Gaughan by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Silliman
Jack Shirey by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Silliman
Mrs. M. M. Witter by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler
Steve Miller by Duane Balentine
Mrs. Jack White by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
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John Augustine by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cannon; Cherokee Village Indians Lions Club
Thelma Bradford by Dr. Charles R. Moyers
Sam Levitt by Dr. Charles R. Moyers
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Jack Unger by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
John L. Watson, Jr., by Katherine Nethercutt
Mrs. Augusta S. Lynn by Mr. and Mrs. Don Wise
Mrs. Floyd Denman by Mr. and Mrs. R.M. King
John Chandler by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Broxey
William R. Lehman by Robert E. Pace
Rufus Neal White by Mr. and Mrs. James Stallcup
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Editorial

Good News or Bad News

To many American taxpayers, changes in the tax law end up being like a "good news-bad news" joke with the taxpayer seldom finding anything about the punch line amusing. The Economic Recovery Act of 1981 is different. Taxpayers have a victory, but to capitalize on any reward the taxpayer must know what has been won.

It appears individuals will find the ERA '81 to their liking. Certainly taxpayers who use the short form return, about 70 percent of us, have good news. In 1982 and 1983, 25 percent of the first $100 given to qualified charities can be deducted. In 1982 a 25 percent deduction of the first $300 is allowed; in 1985 the deduction is 50 percent of total gifts up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income; and in 1986 the deduction is 100 percent, provided it doesn't exceed 50 percent of the adjusted gross income.

Those who continue itemizing can deduct up to 50 percent of their adjusted gross income for charitable gifts, except long-term appreciated property which is 30 percent of adjusted gross income.

All the benefits of the ERA of '81 are designed to put more money into the hands of the taxpayer. If all works according to American tradition, contributions will increase to AEB and similar organizations. Uncle Sam claims this is his intent — to have the general public take care of organizations serving public needs.

Other individual benefits include the 25 percent across the board tax cut. It began October 1981, at five percent, adds 10 percent in July 1982, and another 10 percent in July 1983, for a total reduction of 25 percent. The maximum capital gains tax has been lowered from 28 percent to 20 percent.

Married working couples don't have to consider divorce to avoid paying the "marriage penalty." Compensation for them has been built in with a two-year phase-in period. Older citizens selling their home can exclude up to $125,000 of the gain without re-investing in another home.

Dividends received as common stock for special stock issued by a public utility corporation are tax-free up to $750 per person, or $1,500 per couple.

New retirement benefits are part of the law. Individual Retirement Accounts annual contributions have been raised from $1,500 to $2,000. Even for persons participating in a company retirement plan, a new Individual Retirement Account plan allows up to $2,000 per year additional benefits.

Estate taxes have been voted almost extinct by the new law. In 1986 about 99.7 percent of the population will pay no federal estate tax. The exemption will allow the first $600,000 to be estate or gift-tax free in 1987. Individuals will have more of their estate to distribute and can increase the amount given away tax-free.

All of these changes are good for us taxpayers and the organizations we support. It will mean more income available, greater deductions for charitable gifts and more assets to leave family and favorite organizations.

Most of the change made recently in Washington has been aimed at putting more of the responsibility of supporting AEB and similar organizations back in the hands of the general public, where it rested for so many years before government became involved. Fortunately, many of the changes made in Washington have provided the means to assume this responsibility.

For now, the taxpayer, all of us, will have the final say if it's "good news" or "bad news" for AEB.

Jim Davis, Director of Development/Community Relations

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On The Cover

Why not take advantage of the situation? There was Santa Claus — there was a little boy on his lap. We needed a cover shot for the December-January issue. So we snapped a picture of Santa, alias Duane Balentine, AEB's assistant executive director, while on duty at AEB's Christmas bazaar in November. He is talking about serious business with Chris, son of AEB staff member Judy McGee.

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100% Participation Urged In Bulb Sale

Roy Kumpe would like every Arkansas Lion to sell light bulbs this spring. The International Services for the Blind president is making it easy.

A letter from Kumpe mailed to the clubs early in December detailed the promotional plans for a statewide light bulb sale May 10 through 15.

He told the club presidents that ISB would be using every avenue available for the light bulb sale promotion. This would include capitalizing on television, radio, newspaper, magazines and other public access media.

Kumpe said Arkansas Lions haven't been as active in light bulb sales recently, yet it remains a tremendous money maker. "Many clubs may not know that due to demands for more energy efficient bulbs, we are now featuring four 60's and two 100's in our package," he explained. ISB markets 125-volt Westinghouse bulbs in a special sleeve spotlighting AEB's lion statue.

"Currently our price per package of six bulbs is $1.75, a price we anticipate holding for several months, hopefully through April when all clubs will have ordered for the spring sale," he announced.

In addition to the media promotion, ISB provides each club with local promotional material and sale aids. Clubs are urged to secure local publicity for their sale.

Kumpe wants cities where more than one club is active to work together. "If the clubs will cooperate, share the good territories and the bad, and cover their city completely," Kumpe reasoned, "everyone will benefit."

Arkansas Lions could utilize the massive border-to-border sale effort to draw much needed attention to the Lions sight conservation work, he added.

Clubs should order light bulbs early, even February wouldn't be too soon, Kumpe said.

CHECK PRESENTATION — Jim Cordell, left, and Wes Smelley, right, each receive a check for $2,500 from Gilbert C. Caver, president of the Little Rock Pulaski Heights Lions Club. The $5,000 is the proceeds the club received for working in this year's Idea Fair. Cordell is receiving a check for AEB, and Smelley is receiving a check for the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank. See related article on Page 4.

Steve Ray (1980) reports that he had a successful cataract surgery on Oct. 15 on one eye and that he is "seeing things he has never seen before." Vision in that eye will gradually improve. A graduate of the computer programmer course, Ray is employed as a programmer for Michigan and Nebraska Transit Co. He'd like to hear from AEB friends at the following address: 2601 Heatherdown, #103, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001.

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John Glisson (College Prep 1981) writes that he is enjoying college at the University of Tennessee at Martin, making all A's and B's this semester. "I'm really glad that I had the opportunity to come to the College Prep course. It has benefited me greatly," he said. His home address is P.O. Box 434, Fulton, Ky. 42041.

Carol Ann Walker (1973) and a trio she performs with, the New Hope Trio, was featured in November in an *Arkansas Gazette* article. Carol, the pianist and singer, performs with the other two members of the trio in Little Rock and nearby towns.

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Luis Pena (College Prep 1976) is a senior this year at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor majoring in psychology. Pena, who came to AEB from Cali, Colombia, has written a research paper on the education of blind children in the U.S. and Colombia this semester.

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Allen Womack (1981) is a freshman at Northeast Louisiana University taking general studies and considering a degree in journalism. He was featured in the October issue of the Monroe newspaper.

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Gary Petsch (1981), a recent graduate of AEB's Small Engine Repair course, has accepted a job at Ft. Campbell Army Base in Hopkinsville, Ky. He is employed by Civil Service and working in the small engine repair shop.

Arkansas Lions, Others Respond T

Once AEB's sponsor, the Arkansas Lions, heard of the center's financial plight resulting from federal funding cutbacks, clubs across the state began responding to the call for help.

By the end of October, the fourth month in AEB's 1981-82 fiscal year, clubs had contributed $32,645 to the center, an increase of $5,406 over last year's contributions at the same time.

"We had asked the clubs to get their pledges in early this year to take up the slack the loss of funding had created," said Jim Cordell, AEB's executive director. "The increase of support from the Lions means that the clubs are meeting this year's Sight Conservation Committee challenge of a $30-per-member contribution."

A boost to the budget came when the Pulaski Heights Lions Club gave a check for $2,500 to AEB in October, proceeds from the 1981 Idea Fair in September. According to W. K. Heard, club co-ordinator of the event, the Pulaski Heights Lions were asked by Mechanics Lumber Co., sponsor of the fair, to help in the operation of the fair. In return, they received a $5,000 payment which the club donated evenly to AEB and the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank.

The donation is a special gift to AEB which is not included in the $3,300 pledge the Pulaski Heights club has made to the center.

Another example of support from Arkansas Lions is the response of the Wilson Lions to a newspaper article in the *Arkansas Gazette* that announced a layoff of 10 AEB employees.

"I read of your shortage of funds," Bentley Rhodes, club treasurer, explained in a letter that accompanied a $500 check. The club had already contributed $1,760 to AEB earlier. "When I explained this to the club, they voted this additional contribution to help maintain your educational programs for your students."

There are other examples. Danville Lions have pledged to AEB the proceeds from an aluminum can pick up. The Wynne club has made a commitment to double its pledge to $60 per member.

From Louisiana, AEB received gifts totaling $7,575 from board member Harold Giraldo of Gretna, La., in November. The District 8-S clubs making the contributions were Woodmere, Inner City, Lakeside Lioness, Metairie-Pontchartrain, Terrytown and Delta.

AEB received checks totaling $566 on Nov. 20 from five clubs in Georgia: Cornelia Lions and Lionesses, Stone Mountain, Towns County, Lanier and Martin.

Twenty Arkansas Lions Clubs have met or exceeded the $30-for-one challenge. These clubs and their contributions, as of Nov. 23, include:

Bentonville-Bella Vista — $2,520, or $30 per member

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Camden — $1,530, or $30 per member

Industry Grants

AEB recently received gifts totaling $3,500 from two private corporations, Alcoa-Aluminum Company of America and McDonnell Douglas, a national airplane manufacturer.

The Alcoa Foundation contributed $2,500 to the center to purchase equipment for the Computer Programmer vocational course. Funds will be used to buy another computer terminal for the classroom.

A $1,000 gift from the McDonnell Douglas Personnel Charity Plan will go into the vocational program general budget for use in the center's eight vocational programs.

AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell commented: "Gifts such as these from the private sector will help compensate for the federal budget restrictions on rehabilitation funding. To continue offering the quality of services that we have done in the past, AEB must rely on these private funds.

The latest contributions, added to other gifts given to AEB by private industry during 1981, represent a total of $36,500 given for vocational program funding. This includes another $1,000 contribution from McDonnell Douglas earlier in the year; $10,000 from the Levi Strauss Foundation; and $22,000 from the Trebing Memorial Home for Blind Women.

Wilson Lions Make AE

The 21 members of the Wilson Lions Club in District 7-0 have set a record at AEB by contributing $108 per member through the Sight Conservation Committee to the center, a total of $2,260 for this fiscal year.

In terms of dollars per member, the club has contributed more money in one year than any other Arkansas club in AEB's history. The previous record of $101 per member was set last year by the Stuttgart Lions Club.

The Wilson club, a leading supporter of AEB for several years, has contributed a total of $7,360 in the last four years.

NEW LIFE contacted E. D. Beall, club secretary, in November to find the reason for the club's dedication to helping AEB and the key to successful fund-raising projects of the club.

Lion Beall, a charter member of his club who was busy knocking pecans out of his tree on the day that he was called, said the Wilson Lions put most of their emphasis on sight programs.

"AEB has been our main project," he explained. "Most of our money from projects goes there because that's what we feel like we're supposed to do."

Beall is modest about the club's projects: "We don't have any secrets. We don't do anything different than anyone else."

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GOING OVER a recent stock contribution are AEB board member Al Isenman, the donor, and AEB executive director Jim Cordell.

Isenmans Donate Unusual Gift

Al Isenman, AEB's second vice president, and his wife, Betty, are the initial members of the President's Council, a new giving club for AEB donors.

They joined in an unusual way for most AEB donors.

The Isenmans donated 60 shares of stock to AEB. Al, active on AEB's board for several years and a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, placed no restrictions on the gift. Selling the stock earned more than $1,600 for AEB.

Under AEB's newly adopted giving format, annual gifts over $1,000, but less than $5,000, qualify the donor for membership in the President's Council. The Isenmans hold certificate No. 1 for 1982.

Giving stock is a unique method of supporting AEB. Donors, like the Isenmans, find that it is convenient, easier than an immediate cash gift, has certain tax advantages, could produce income if exchanged for an annuity, and, of course, allows the financial support of a favorite organization.

The Isenmans decided giving stock allowed them to support several organizations, in addition to AEB, while providing a tax advantage. A fringe benefit of the gift was not having a capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the stock.

"Among all the benefits we received," Al said, "the ultimate reason was that our contribution allowed us to support several organizations that are very important to both of us in a greater way than we could have otherwise."

The Isenmans are just two of 32 million Americans who own stock. Like so many who have become "locked in" with a stock, a charitable contribution is many times the best solution. Stock that has appreciated to a point where the "profit" would actually be a loss in the tax column is the type best suited for such a gift.

The reverse is true when a stock depreciates. The owner can sell at the lower value, contribute the cash to an organization and receive a capital loss tax deduction.

Both methods allow the donor to make sizable gifts to a favorite organization while taking advantage of certain tax laws written to encourage charitable giving.

A third method of giving stock for an individual who cannot sell because of capital gains but who needs the income is a gift annuity. The stock could be traded for an annuity. The difference between the annuity and the current value of the stock is a charitable donation for income tax purposes. The annuity provides income that is spread across the life expectancy, lowering the tax liability.

Many donors make such gifts in December after they have had an opportunity to evaluate their tax situation for the year. However, AEB welcomes gifts of this nature any time during the year. If you wish additional information, contact AEB's Office of Development.

Egerton: A Clown With Ambition

When people told Jim Egerton he couldn't be a clown, he proved his ability to make people laugh. When people told him he couldn't be an actor, he never stopped entertaining. When people told him he couldn't build a remote control racing boat, he built one anyway.

Like so many other blind people who spend a lot of time proving sighted people wrong, Egerton has developed a variety of interests that wouldn't fall into the stereotyped classifications of things blind people can do.

"It's too easy to use blindness as an excuse that you can't do something," explained Egerton, a trainee at AEB from Royal Oak, Mich.

The 20-year-old's zest for life seems to match his large, six-foot-two frame. Always involved in something, he didn't waste any time fooling around after he came to AEB in September for Small Engine Repair training. Having worked with the 4-H Club back home, Egerton called the Little Rock Cooperative Extension office and volunteered to work with the 4-H'ers. He was immediately asked to help organize a skit.

BALLOON art, along with a magic trick thrown in now and then, help complete Jim Egerton's clown act. Here, Jim operates a booth at AEB's Christmas bazaar.

Jim, who has performed as a singer and actor back home in church and school, also sought out an avenue in Little Rock to continue performing. He learned about the Arkansas Arts Center and its upcoming musical for the Christmas season, "Babes in Toyland," and decided to audition. He was among 270 people who tried out for parts, and one of the 51 who were cast in the play. He will play a focal figure of Toyland, the Master Toymaker, in a singing-acting role.

Bradley Anderson, director of the play, has adapted the role into a blind toymaker, requiring few changes in the script. The play runs Dec. 11 through 13 and Dec. 18 through 20 at the Arts Center in Little Rock.

After high school, Egerton's interest in performing led him to participate in a month-long clown school workshop. He has since appeared as a clown in parades, for 4-H clubs and for various charitable groups. He incorporates into his act magic tricks and making animals with twisted balloons.

Recounting how he became interested in becoming a clown, Jim quipped, "I'm a nut to start with. Throw in a little craziness and you've got a clown."

He donned his clown costume and operated a booth making balloon animals and doing magic tricks at the AEB Christmas bazaar on Nov. 21.

Egerton comes from a musical family — his father plays the tuba, his mother the saxophone, his sister the handbells — and he completes the quartet by playing the saxophone, guitar and kazoo. He also enjoys singing with his second tenor baritone voice.

His main career desire is to become an actor and singer, but he is currently in training for a back-up job in engine repair, with hopes of becoming a marine engine mechanic. He's enrolled in Small Engine Repair as a preparatory course for later training in marine engines.

"If I don't make it as an actor and can't find a school for marine engines, I'll always have a job to fall back on in small engines," he said.

As a hobby, Jim is interested in radio control boats. He is a member of a race boat association in Michigan. He recently built a high performance race boat at AEB that has a 4 horsepower engine.

Egerton's total blindness, a result of a gunshot accident when he was a junior in high school, served as a motivational experience for him. "I told myself, 'Of course you're bummed out. But what the hay.' I proved I could do better in school than I did before I went blind by determination and drive. And my grades did go up," he said.

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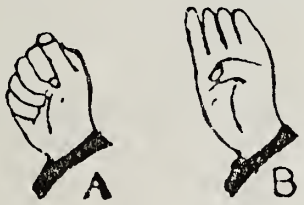
Early results from an AEB sustaining membership mailing indicate that the response this mailing will be good. By Nov. 30, a total of $3,549 had been contributed. Donors contributing $25 or more are recognized as Sustaining Members; $100 or more as Century Club members; $500 or more as Order of the Silver Cane members; $1,000 or more as the President's Council members; and $5,000 or more as the Knight of the Blind members. Another mailing of interest is that of the 1980-81 annual reporter. Copies were mailed on Dec. 1 to each Lions Club president in Arkansas.



One of the latest programs begun at AEB for staff development is a sign language class taught by Judy McGee, an AEB orientation and mobility instructor. Interested staff members are encouraged to attend the Friday afternoon sessions. Participants are still learning the symbols for the alphabet, and will later progress to advanced signs. Monty Ball, AEB volunteer who is deaf and blind, is helping instruct the class. He is also working with some of the advanced students.

Commissioner Egger talks with staff member Debbie Waller.

If you ever get a chance to pick up the INSIDER, a staff information sheet published each Monday at AEB to keep the staff informed about events for the week, you might be surprised at the number of activities that take place in just one week at the center. For example, on the week of Nov. 16, the sheet announced that IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger, who was in Little Rock for a speaking engagement, would be at AEB on that Friday afternoon for a tour and to meet the Taxpayer Service Representative class. That Friday morning, Jim Davidson, who heads the Life Plan motivational firm, presented a development program to the staff and the trainees. That was just the opening entry.

AEB held its first annual benefit Christmas bazaar on Nov. 21 in the auditorium, with approximately 20 tables of craft and gift items. Table rental fees went to AEB, and the sale of the crafts went to the vendors. Setting up tables were AEB staff members, current and former trainees, and friends of AEB. Santa, alias Duane Balentine, AEB's assistant executive director, and the Toy Soldier clown, alias AEB trainee Jim Egerton, provided entertainment to shoppers.

Memorials

(Editor's note — Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Brooks Hays by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Alice A. Hightower by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
A. H. Abernathy, Jr. by Elizabeth C. Armstrong
Mrs. J. L. Ellison by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Scott
J. L. Holt by R. H. Shaddock
Bertha T. Pearcy by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sanders
Mrs. R. M. Plummer by Mr. and Mrs. Del Roberson
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Father of Steve Fitzgerald by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glenn
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David M. Dixon by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway
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Bill Bourne by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Betty Borrevik by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Daniel Philip Cone by Bryant Lions Club
Martha Payne by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin
Cecil Harder by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Penn

GET WELL:

Walker Tucker by Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brummer
Bill Wallis by The Albert Lasers
Bill McCarty by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis
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Lillian Sanders
Former AEB Trainee

List Outlines AEB Needs

Lions Clubs presidents across the state have received by mail recently a "needs list" prepared by AEB staff detailing equipment needed by the center. The shopping list includes items AEB needs but has been doing without because of a tight budget.

The purpose of the list is to point out to the clubs the specific needs and costs per item. In the past, Lions and Lioness clubs have bought equipment such as a microwave oven or a television for the center, and clubs have continually asked to help out in other areas.

The six-page list has a description of many of the items that aren't self explanatory, which range in price from $150,000 to $42.

"Some of the items would be more costly than a club might be able to afford," Jim Cordell, AEB executive director, explains in the letter. "If this is your case, your club's contribution would be paired with others until the amount is raised."

After selecting an item of equipment to purchase, clubs are asked to contact AEB about the selection, since most of the items can be purchased by AEB at a reduced cost and to make sure the item hasn't already been selected by another club.

Each club making purchases for the center will be recognized. When possible, plaques designating the donor or donors will be placed near the equipment where it is used. All contributions will be recognized in NEW LIFE.

The needs list will be updated periodically and mailed to club presidents after clubs have chosen equipment projects and as new needs arise.

If you are interested in receiving a list, or if you are interested in purchasing one of the items on the list, contact Jim Cordell or Jim Davis, director of development/community relations.

Some Examples

The following is a sample of some of the items on the current AEB "needs list." As you will note, most of them are equipment to be used for training, while some of the items represent administrative needs and housing needs.

2 Laser mobility canes	$ 6,000
Shop tools	$ 275
3 braille compasses	$ 60
Talking calculator	$ 250
Braille terminal	$16,000
Fishing gear	$ 150
Refurnish dorm room	$ 2,500
Letter folder	$ 900
Dry copier	$ 3,500
Ceramic kiln	$ 500

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On The Cover

We're always proud to report on our graduates — where they are, what they're doing now. Lillian Harrell Sanders lives right here in Little Rock in a local nursing home and comes by to see us from time to time. A former vending stand operator, she now feels privileged to be on Social Security and maintain her independence. You'll enjoy reading about her on Page 4.

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Company Matches Officer's Gift To AEB

Another member of AEB's board has taken an unusual step towards "creative fund raising" for the rehabilitation center.

Earlier, AEB board member Al Isenman donated stock to AEB and became a member of the President's Council — a recognition level for donors of $1,000 or more.

The latest to join the elite council is AEB's first vice president Milt Brummer and his wife, Jo, of Hot Springs Village. Lion Milt didn't stop with just his gift, but arranged for an equal gift. Matching his gift was the Rohm and Haas Company of Philadelphia, Pa. Brummer is retired from the company.

Milt Brummer

Rohm and Haas has a matching program for annual gifts. Lion Milt made a gift to AEB and requested that the company match it.

As a result, AEB's Sustaining Membership drive for 1982 has already received a $1,000 gift and will soon receive $1,000 more from the company.

In the first two months of the 1982 Sustaining Membership mail appeal, more than $17,000 has been contributed. This already exceeds the 1982 total.

International Trainees

Snow was a new experience for most of AEB's international trainees shown here after most of the snow had melted. So was the caramel snow candy made by one of AEB's staff members. Before the snow was gone, a NEW LIFE photographer got the five international trainees together to record the event. In front are Mehmet Gungor (left) of Istanbul, Turkey, and Lucy Manzano of Cali, Colombia. They are the final recipients of scholarships given through a $10,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation. Both plan to return to their countries and work with blind and visually impaired persons. In back, from left, are Simon Okafor, Benjamin Isah and David Akanji. They are being sponsored in training by their government in Nigeria, and they plan to enroll in the rehabilitation program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock while in the country.

Special Occasions

HONOR:

Jim Cordell from AEB Staff
Walker Tucker from AEB Staff
Guy Snow from Mrs. Snow Biggs
Golden Wedding Anniversary of **Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler** from Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Arla Garland from C. M. Rather
Irene Chamberlain from C. M. Rather
Tommy Garland from C. M. Rather
Kent Garland from C. M. Rather
Forest Garland from C. M. Rather

GET WELL:

Adolph Ross from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Walker Tucker from Robertine McCaffrey
June Daniel by W. B. Tucker, Jr.
Ruby E. Hurley by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.
Dr. Don Freel by Lila Lampkin
J. O. Boone by Lila Lampkin

BIRTHDAY:

Adah Morton by Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Hirscheider

PROMOTION:

Frederick "Rick" Adams III by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler

Miss Lillian

Proud Of Security

Each year in December at AEB's annual Christmas party for the blind community, a sweet little lady always shows up.

At age 92, she is usually the oldest person in attendance but doesn't want to admit to it. This last year, a neighbor made sure that she was recognized and received the prize for the oldest person there.

Known by her friends as "Miss Lillian," Lillian Harrell Sanders is a former AEB trainee. The NEW LIFE staff visited her recently at the Arkansas Nursing Home, where she has lived for the past year, to see how she is getting along and to reminisce with her about AEB.

Having been warned that pictures would be taken, Miss Lillian was prepared. She had made an appointment with the cosmotologist at the home. Her hair and dress were as neat as her small room.

"I'll always have a warm place in my heart for Roy Kumpe because he helped me get started in the stand program when other people said I couldn't do it," she told her visitors, who have since learned that she is a great fan of Kumpe, AEB's founder and former executive director.

Blind shortly after birth, Mrs. Sanders lived with her parents in Wynne and Heber Springs until they died. Their death brought her to AEB at age 61 in 1951. She received personal adjustment and vending stand training at AEB, and left to go to work as a stand operator in the old Little Rock Post Office until retirement.

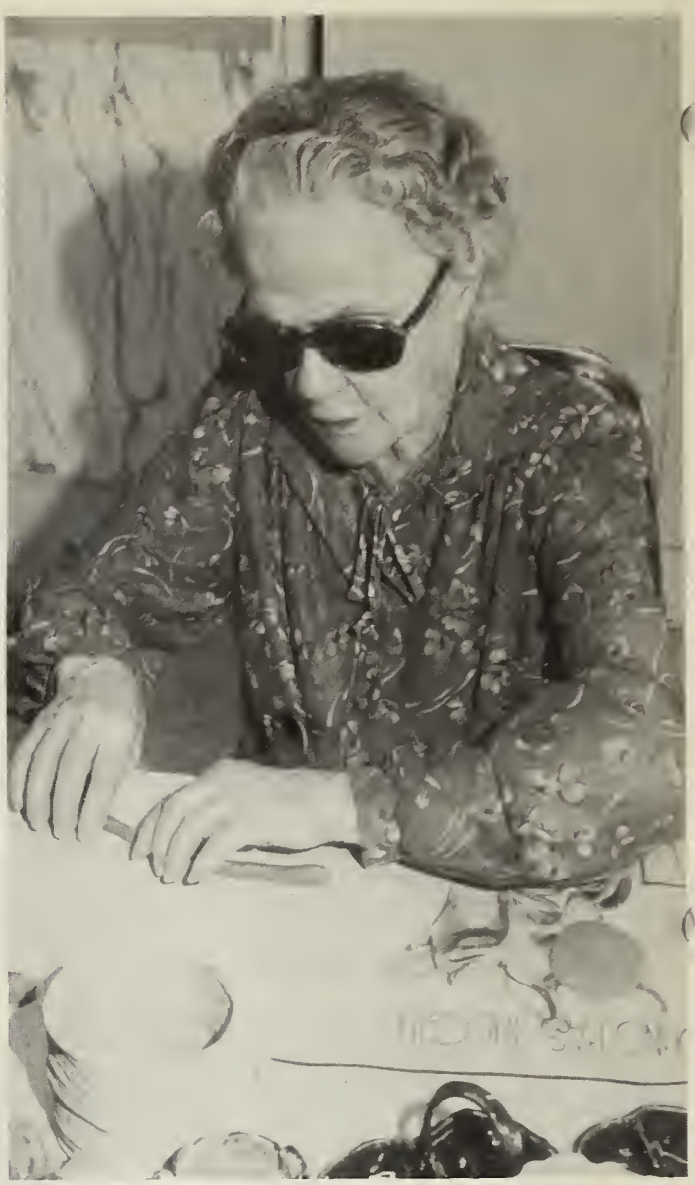
While in training, she met and married another AEB trainee, the late Walter Sanders who worked at the Lighthouse for the Blind.

"I live on Social Security now — you know, stand operators get Social Security," said Mrs. Sanders, proud of the fact that she was able to work and qualify for the benefits. "I don't have to depend on my family now for support." The only other job she had experienced had been working with her mother in the 1930's in a small neighborhood grocery store.

As with most nursing home residents, life for Miss Lillian is fairly routine. She spends much of her time in the crafts room molding coil pots from clay, weaving yarn on a loom and making rag rugs.

"I look after my own clothes and my room and I read some braille magazines," she explained. "I've always wanted to do things for myself."

She looks forward to visits from a few special friends who visit her regularly.



MOLDING clay into coils for pots is one of Lillian Sanders' favorite pastimes at the Arkansas Nursing Home. She also makes rugs and shawls in the crafts room, which is always busy with activity.

Alumni News

Lana Sue (Brown) Miller (1967) and **Mark Miller** (1967) are operating a coffee shop in the Engineers Building in Tulsa, Okla. They have one daughter who is in kindergarten. Their address is 2420 S. Oswego Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74114.

★★★

Owsbelia Lugue (professional 1974) of Coyoacan, Mexico, is now the general rehabilitation director for the health department. She travels once a month supervising rehabilitation institutes across the country.

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Ernest Hagen (1978) was the topic of an article published in Visualtek's *News and Views* December newsletter. Hagen, who lives in Casper, Wyo., composed music for an American folk opera based on the book, "Giants in the Earth," by O. E. Rolvaag. The opera was presented by UALR three years ago. He uses a Visualtek for writing his music.

★★★

Marilyn Spell (1980) is a junior this semester at Winston Salem State University majoring in business information systems. She sent holiday wishes to AEB, requesting: "Hug each other for me. I wish I could be there to do it myself." Her address is 1037 Betty Drive, Winston Salem, N.C. 27107.

★★★

Geneva Lackey (1981) sent Christmas greetings to AEB friends in December. Her address is 19 Okmulgee Drive, C.V., Hardy, Ark. 72542.

★★★

Dorval Nicholson (1981) was featured in the December issue of *Showcase*, the Private Sector Initiative Program's monthly newsletter. Nicholson, who received Small Engine Repair training at AEB, owns and operates his own repair shop in Rockhold, Ky.

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Joanne Covo (professional 1981) has accepted a position as director of the International Committee for the Blind, a volunteer agency for the blind in Mexico City, Mexico. She is taking a year's leave of absence from her teaching jobs at the American High School and American University. Her address is Guanajuato 232, Mexico 7, D. F., Mexico.

Letter To Alumni

When the thermometer plummets and the icicle grows long, the hours can be sweetened by a study of the seed catalog or, even more exciting, by planning a summer vacation.

It's not too early for AEB alumni to start making their vacation plans which could include a rambunctious week in Atlanta, Ga., attending the American Council of the Blind national convention the week of July 4 through 10 at the Airport Mariott.

Plans are being made to get all AEB alumni together who attend that meeting for a great reunion. We just want to let you know that the meeting is being planned so that you can arrange your vacation leave and coordinate family vacation plans. Details will follow in subsequent issues of NEW LIFE. See you in Atlanta.

Billie Elder
Alumni Coordinator

Orientation-Mobility Workshop At AEB

AEB will host the 1982 Southeastern area Orientation and Mobility In-Service Training Workshop on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18 and 19. The workshop is being sponsored by the Association of the Southeastern Regional Rehabilitation Centers.

Administrators of private and state rehabilitation centers across the southeast region of the United States are expected to attend.

Don Clemons, an AEB mobility instructor, is chairman of the workshop committee. A number of AEB staff members will be on the program, including AEB's two consultants, Dr. Payton Kolb, psychiatrist, and Dr. Mayne Parker, ophthalmologist.

Other speakers outside the center include Becky Barnett, a doctoral student on the rehabilitation teaching staff at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and Susan Chapman, a mobility instructor for Arkansas School for the Blind.

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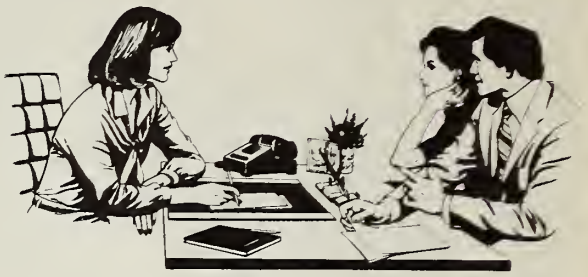

(This article is the first in a series of four articles concerning wills that will be published in NEW LIFE. Next: "The Do's and Don'ts of Making Your Will.")

Your will enables you to decide for yourself what will become of your property at death, who will execute your estate, and who will care for minor children if they lose both parents. The following general guidelines can help you include everything you need in your will.

1. Your will should take into account all that composes your **estate**. Your estate includes all that you own: real estate, bank account, life insurance policies, house(s), car(s), jewelry, antiques, stocks, bonds, mortgages, collections, and special objects of sentimental value.

2. Your will should take into account the people for whom you are responsible: immediate family, dependent relatives, anyone whom you help support. Is one member of your family more dependent than others, or does one have special needs? What about minor children? You should name your choice of a guardian who is willing to care for them. There are other bequests which will perhaps have less monetary value, but will bring significant happiness to special relatives.

3. When the real needs of dependents are taken care of, you may find special satisfaction in remembering some of the worthwhile causes you have supported during life . . . Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, for one. In fact, some have used their wills as the means of giving a special gift for the people we help through the rehabilitation center and other services. Such testimonies not only have practical application in financial support, but also serve as memorable inspiration to others.

4. Name an executor (executrix, if a woman), and an alternate, who has experience in business matters and who will not be burdened when given the responsibility of estate distribution. In your will you may waive bond for the executor.

5. Have an attorney help you prepare your will. Don't try the do-it-yourself approach. Wording is important; keeping abreast of new tax laws is part of an attorney's business, and he or she can advise you if your estate would benefit from the use of trusts or other contracts. The attorney's services can save your heirs money in the long run.

6. Put your will in a safe place which is known to your spouse, attorney, executor or executrix. Many people keep their wills in a safe deposit box at their banks. That is a good place, provided the will is accessible to your executor when needed. You can inquire at your bank.

If you would like to have additional information as you write or update your will, request our free booklet, "37 Things People 'Know' About Wills That Aren't Really So." Use the coupon below, and you'll receive your copy shortly.

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Jim Fowler, AEB board member and Lions International second vice president, read a proclamation from the board at the December board of directors meeting in praise of the Trebing Memorial Home for Blind Women. Adah W. Morton, chairman of the executive committee of the home, attended the meeting and stayed for a tour of the center to view some of the purchases for the center made with the $40,000 trust funds donated to AEB by the Trebing Home. Memorial plaques have been placed in the center's computer room, switchboard area and vocational evaluation testing area, training areas for which equipment was purchased with the funds. Here, Mrs. Morton visits a computer classroom and talks with Wayne Gum (left), technology specialist, and Dennis Holzhauser, a computer student.

A new Santa made his debut this year at AEB's annual Christmas party for the blind community. AEB's director of development and community relations, Jim Davis, passed out the goodies this year and also got the opportunity to hug some of the ladies, including Mac McCaffrey, AEB's housing coordinator. The auditorium was packed this year for a program conducted by trainees and staff. Wade Cobb, a trainee from Natchez, La., was master of ceremonies.

Every now and then we get to do a little boasting about one of our staff members in this column. The good news this time concerns one of AEB's counselors, Barbara East Bush, who recently passed a written and oral test qualifying her as a psychological examiner. That means that she is now able to work closely with a doctoral psychologist in making personality assessments and detecting psychopathology. At AEB she will be able to use projective test techniques in group and individual settings.

Memorials

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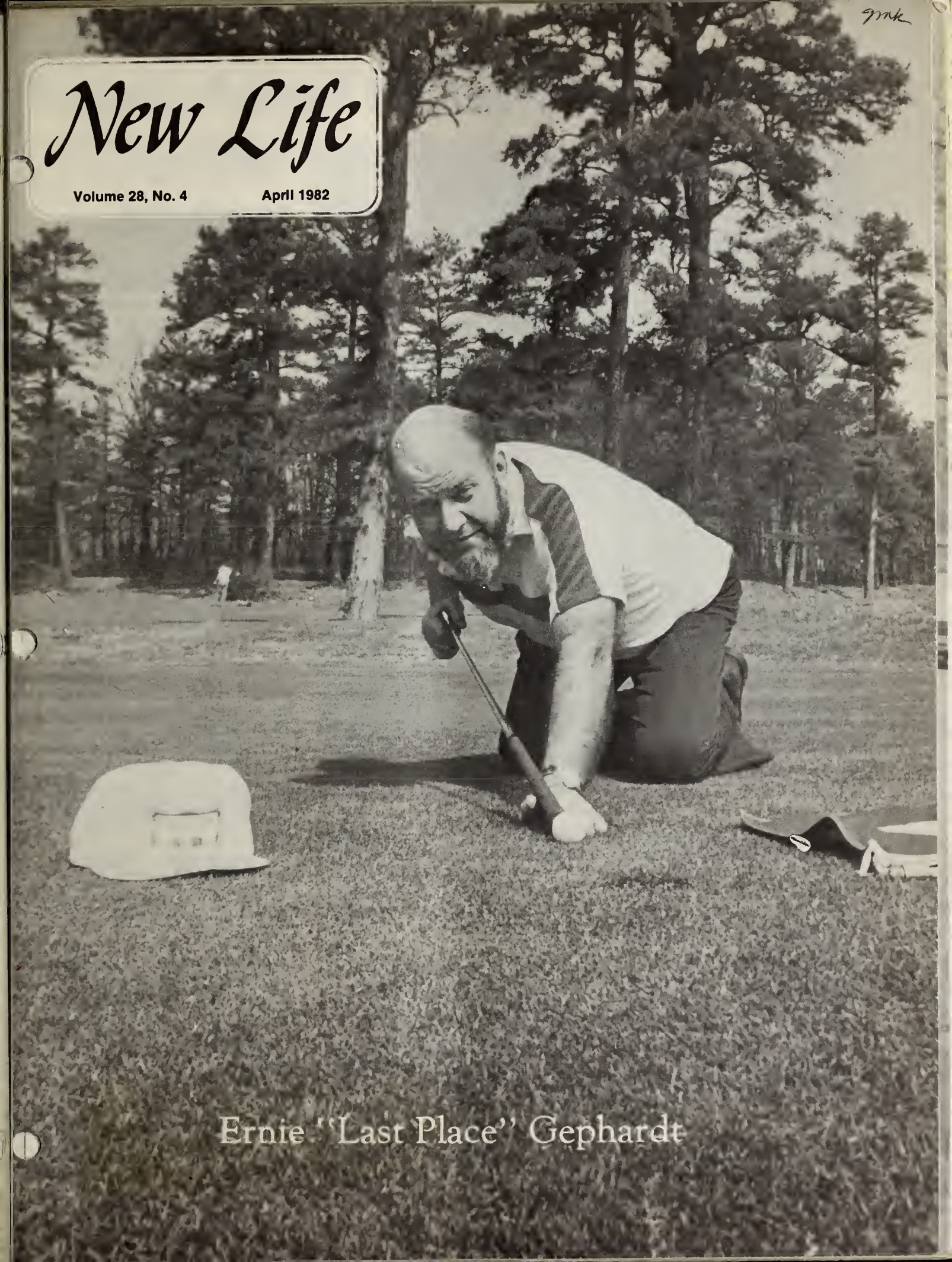

Ernie "Last Place" Gephardt

Editorial

Our Commitment To Personal Adjustment

Each year at the AEB we see large numbers of individuals referred to us for evaluation for one of our vocational training programs. During this 30-day period we evaluate carefully one's mobility, braille, typing, personal grooming and independent living skills, as well as academic achievement. We also attempt to ascertain the individual's level of adjustment to blindness. We do feel strongly that high levels of proficiency in these skills are essential if one is to be successful in any of the vocations that we offer. The success rate of the graduates of our vocational training programs serves to confirm this position.

Frequently, in the past when skill deficits have been identified during the evaulation, individuals could, with two or three months of highly individualized, intensive personal adjustment training, bring their skills up to a level that would allow them to be successful in their chosen vocation.

However, as dollars grow short, we are seeing more and more vocational rehabilitation counselors forced into the position of having to say, "If you cannot meet the skill expectations in 30 days of evaluation we cannot provide additional adjustment/pre-vocational training." This is unfortunate because it means that these individuals who do not meet the expectations will remain in the system for years to come at a considerable expense to vocational rehabilitation, Social Security Disability Income and Social Security Income.

Here at the AEB we will continue to stress the importance of personal adjustment training and will maintain strong personal adjustment services in order to better serve the vocationally oriented trainees, as well as the homemaker or senior blind citizen who merely wishes to live independently with dignity and self respect.

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At the end of February we had our Taxpayer Service Representative admissions committee meeting with representatives from 12 regional IRS offices being present. We admitted six qualified candidates to the training program, and before the end of the day, each had an interview with a representative of the Internal Revenue Service and each individual had a job offer. Six other positions were lost because qualified applicants were not available.

Also in February we announced a new vocational training program for office collection representatives for the IRS, along with a commitment from IRS to employ four individuals. To date we have not received a sufficient number of referrals for this program. Placement remains the bottom line for vocational rehabilitation programs.

We do hope that interested individuals — counselors as well as those qualified for the training — will contact us regarding the opportunities that exist in these vocational training programs. Help us ensure that these vocational opportunities are not lost!

— Jim Cordell
Executive Director

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Golfers, beware. Ernie "Last Place" Gephardt is out to get you this year at the state Lions convention golf tournament. Weary of winning the booby prize for four straight years, Lion Gephardt figured some early practice might improve his golf score. A member of the Little Rock Oak Forest Lions Club, he is a senior work evaluator. at AEB.

Correction

We'd like to apologize for identifying incorrectly John Henley in a cover photograph in the March issue of NEW LIFE. We mistook Mr. Henley for someone else and identified him as the late John Henley. In response to several callers and to those who didn't call, Henley is indeed alive and living in Forrest City. NEW LIFE regrets the error.

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Parade Added to Convention Agenda

For the 64th year, Arkansas Lions will gather for the state convention, this time in Hot Springs on May 7, 8 and 9.

International guest and speaker for Saturday's banquet will be Past International President Bill Chandler of Montgomery, Ala. Lion Chandler has visited AEB and Arkansas numerous times and is one of Lions International's most popular persons among Arkansas Lions.

Besides the regular business that takes place at every state meeting, a couple of new wrinkles are being added.

Taking much of the spotlight this year will be a parade. While it won't be the first state convention parade — PIP Edward G. Barry, Jr., recalls parades in Jonesboro and Camden — it will be the first in recent times. The parade is set for 3 p.m. Saturday.

Another new wrinkle is the headquarters, the Royale Vista Inn instead of the traditional Arlington Hotel.

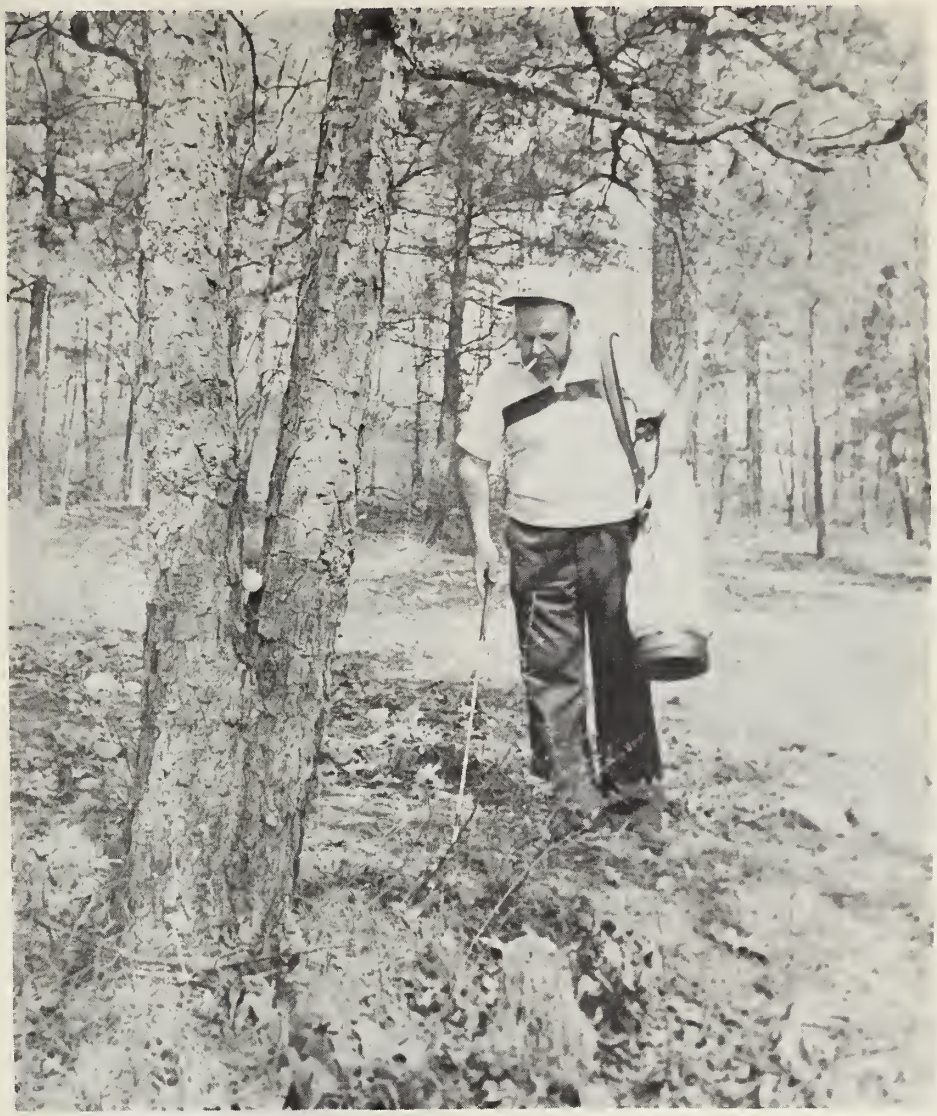
Most everything else will be repeats of previous years. There's golf, tennis and bowling on Friday. The Tarnished Brass Club banquet will be on Friday evening, which will wrap up with Casino Night.

Saturday morning's schedule includes a state business meeting and district meetings. The annual AEB membership luncheon will be at noon.

After the luncheon, there will be free time and preparation for the parade. The convention banquet will be at 7 p.m., followed by entertainment.

Set for Sunday is the Key Member breakfast, necrology service and the final business session.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. Friday, 8 a.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Fees are $35 each for Lions and wives and $25 for Leos and children. Until April 15 there is a $2.50 discount for early registration. Room reservations should be made directly with the Royale Vista. Rates are $24 single, $28 double, $75 suite and $6 for each additional person.



NOW WHERE'S THAT BALL? As soon as Ernie Gephardt finds the answer to that question, he can get back to practicing for Arkansas Lions Convention golf tournament on May 7. "Last Place" Gephardt hopes to improve his record in the tourney this year by breaking his four-year last place losing streak. Ernie is a member of the Oak Forest Lions Club and an AEB employee.

ACB Announces Scholarships

The American Council of the Blind has announced the establishment of a new scholarship program to be awarded this year to legally blind applicants who have been admitted for vocational, technical, professional or academic studies at post secondary levels.

The Floyd Qualls Memorial Scholarship program will award four scholarships of $2,500 each. Scholarship applications, instructions and criteria may be obtained from the ACB national office at 1-800-424-8666. Applications, with supporting documents, should be addressed to the Floyd Qualls Memorial Scholarship Committee, c/o American Council of the Blind, 1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 506, Washington, D.C. 20036. Applications must be received by April 30, 1982.

Floyd Qualls, who died in 1981, served three terms as ACB's third president from 1972-1978.

Former Trainee New State Director

Jerry Swearingen, a former AEB trainee and a member of AEB's Service Advisory Council, on March 1 became the director of the Louisiana Division of Blind Services.

Swearingen, 46, who had been serving as assistant director, has been with the state blind services division for 18 years. He replaces George E. Marzloff, who retired on Feb. 26.

Jerry first came to AEB in 1958 for general training and returned in 1964 for professional training. When he finished that year, he was hired by the Louisiana Division of Blind Services as a case worker to work with the adult blind. The following years found him moving up the ranks, going from a case worker with children to a vocational rehabilitation counselor, a program supervisor and assistant director.

A graduate of the Louisiana School for the Blind, Swearingen later received a degree from Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge in social work. Swearingen was blinded as a youth, the result of a dynamite cap explosion.

As director of a state rehabilitation agency, Swearingen must confront the same problem other state directors across the country face, cutbacks in federal funding.

"As for the future of rehabilitation, I think we're in a position now that we either produce or get the heck out. If we get people placed in jobs, then we can go to the legislature or the Congress with facts and figures and say, 'This is what we have done.' "

But Swearingen's outlook is perhaps more positive than some. The Louisiana legislature, at the time of the interview, was considering the blind division's budget, which is equal to last year's budget. The state legislators had already agreed to appropriate funds to make up the difference in the loss of federal dollars and to hire two new staff persons.

"We will be experiencing cutbacks in some areas anyway because of inflation over last year," he explained. "But we have had real involvement in lobbying efforts by the organizations for the blind in the state that has really made a difference."

Curtailments that have been made have been in the methods of determining the eligibility of clients for services, he said. The agency has also implemented the practice of trying to get a client's surgery paid for by Medicare and Medicaid in charity hospitals in the state.

"I think we have to tighten our belt and make some changes," Swearingen acknowledged. "It's a question of where and who will be hurt the least. We're trying not to cut client services."

The main emphasis in his program is now on vocational training and placement, he said. "As for the future of rehabilitation, I think we're in a position now that we either produce or get the heck out. If we get people placed in jobs, then we can go to the legislature or the Congress with facts and figures and say, 'This is what we have done.' "

Swearingen praised AEB's vocational programs and said his division will continue to cooperate and work with AEB in referring clients to the center for vocational training, while referrals for personal adjustment training will have to be reduced.

The new director is in charge of a staff of 84 persons. He supervises five activities of the division: vocational rehabilitation, adjustment services, a vending stand program, a medical consultant program and a blind-made products program.

He has an extensive background of serving in professional activities. He is a former president of the Louisiana chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Louisiana State School for the Blind Alumni Association. He has also been a board member of the National Federation for the Blind of Louisiana, the American Council of the Blind and the Louisiana chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association. He is on the Mayor's Committee for Needs of the Handicapped in Baton Rouge.

Swearingen, who is divorced, has two children, Amanda, 11, and Richard, 9.

Mrs. Hofmann Dies

AEB has received word that Betty Hofmann, a former trainee from Lincoln, Neb., has died. The cause of death was listed as heart failure.

Mrs. Hofmann, a 1972 trainee who was 32 years old, was married to William Grace. Founder of the American Council of the Blind in Nebraska, she received a master's degree in 1978 from the University of Nebraska. She had worked as a rehabilitation worker for Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired and served as president of the League of Human Dignity. In 1980, she received a governor's appointment to the Department of Public Institutions for the Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired.

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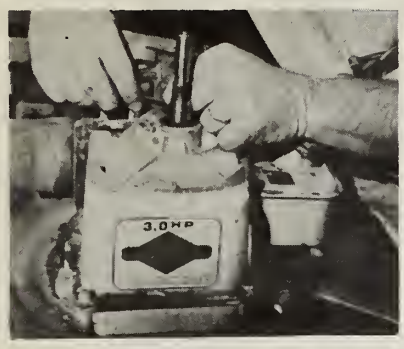

Our men in the Small Engine Repair training course are so apt and eager that they cause a problem. They repair the engines faster than we seem to get them. Instructor Albert Pais said the class especially needs outboard motors up to 10 horsepower and chain saws to repair. He's asking for donations of old repairable and non-repairable engines for students to practice on. They will also repair all types of small gasoline engines for customers at the bargain rate of a $3 shop charge plus the parts cost. Call AEB at 664-7100 if you have any donations or need a repair job.

March 31 was doubly a red letter date at AEB. Not only did the staff and trainees get to celebrate the center's 35th anniversary, but they got to celebrate it with a homecoming of Arkansas Lions past district governors who served from 1946 through 1950. Dr. Max Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, was the speaker at the noon anniversary banquet in the AEB cafeteria. Woolly, who served on AEB's first board of directors, talked about the center's early days and its contribution to the field of rehabilitation. Also invited to the luncheon were the persons for whom AEB buildings were named.

If you have any questions about gift annuities, revocable living trusts, "straight" unitrusts or other giving possibilities, AEB now has its own expert-in-residence, Jim Davis. As director of development and community relations, Davis last month completed a series of four one-week seminars on planned giving conducted by the Robert F. Sharpe and Co., Inc., of Memphis. You will be noticing more mailings concerning wills and other planned giving approaches from AEB. Call Davis at AEB if you have any questions.

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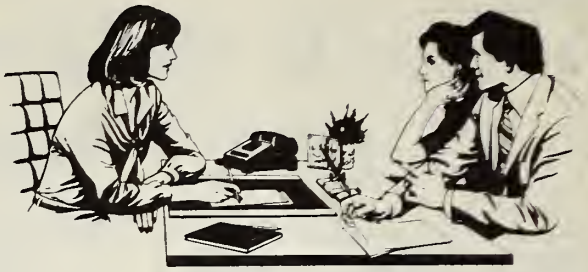
AEB is again well represented in the new slate of officers for the state chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Ramona Sangalli, coordinator of educational services at AEB, is the new president. Other AEB staff members elected to positions are John Clapp, coordinator of orientation and mobility, vice president; Amy Pais, coordinator of adjustment services, secretary; and Jeff Weiss, braille instructor, treasurer.

How It Works

Giving Goes On After Death



Editor's Note — This is the third article in a series of four articles concerning wills that will be published in NEW LIFE.

Most people don't think of charitable giving as something that continues beyond their lifetimes, but it can if we take advantage of our right to have a will and decide what will become of the property we spend a lifetime earning, saving, and investing.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and many other good works are dependent on these kinds of gifts to survive these years of high inflation and uncertain economic conditions. And each bequest is treasured as a vote of confidence in the future of our work. It also shows that the giver was thoughtful enough to plan ahead for the best use of the property he or she has worked for.

AEB has been providing information about the value of a will to protect your family, provide guardians for minor children, decide for yourself how your property will be used, save taxes, legal expense and delays, and to help others after your family's needs have been met. This is a service we have undertaken to benefit those friends who have helped in our work, and to alert everyone to the giving opportunities available when you prepare your will.

There are several ways to include Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind in your will. Here are some examples:

• Give A Percentage — "I give, devise, and bequeath to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind of Little Rock, Arkansas, _____ percent of my estate."

(This gift is flexible because it automatically adjusts to the size of your estate.)

• Give A Specific Amount — "I give, devise and bequeath to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind of Little Rock, Arkansas, $ _____."

(This is the most common kind of bequest.)

• Give Property — "I give, devise and bequeath to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind of Little Rock, Arkansas, (describe property such as real estate) located at _____ _____, valued at $ _____."

(This can also be stocks and bonds, an artwork, antiques, collections, etc.)

• Give What's Left — "All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequeath to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind of Little Rock, Arkansas."

(This is used to give property not bequeathed to anyone else or property that was bequeathed to someone who predeceased you.)

These are just sample clauses. Actual wording should always be prepared by your attorney.

• Memorial Gift — You can also make a gift through your will that will be a memorial in honor of another person or your own name. An appropriate plaque can be prepared according to your instructions and displayed.

If you have already written your will to include AEB, please let us know so we can say thank you.

We'll be glad to send a free booklet with more details about preparing or updating your will. Just use the clip-out to request it.

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☐ Please send my free copy of "Twelve Ideas from the Wills of 12 Famous People."

☐ I'd like to talk with Jim Davis when he is in my area.

☐ Please hve Mr. Davis call me to answer my questions.

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While it may never be too late, time is getting extremely short to plan your spring light bulb sale. The statewide publicity campaign is underway. Your club can still benefit from the promotion by calling the International Services for the Blind immediately at 664-7100 and ordering light bulbs. Remember, this is just another way your club can help AEB. Sale dates are anytime during the week of May 10 through 15.

G. H. Anderson (1958) has returned to the operation of his family shoe store in Malden, Mo. After receiving training at AEB, he worked with the State Rehabilitation Services for the Blind in Missouri and served as mayor of Malden. He'd like to hear from some of his AEB friends. His address is P.O. Box 398, Malden, Mo. 63863.

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Raymond Criglow (1963) was the subject for a feature article recently in the Malvern Meteor Journal. The article announced an opening of an art show of his works in March and April at the Hot Springs County Library. Criglow, a vending stand operator at Ouachita Vocational-Technical School in Malvern, Ark., does paintings in both watercolor and oil.

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Rhea Collett (College Prep 1971) is a medical transcriber in the X-Ray department at Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. She writes that she is busy singing in her church choir, taking flute lessons and yoga classes. Her address is 1821 Pinecrest Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

THERE'S GOLD in the hills and cash in used metal frames. AEB's executive Director Jim Cordell learned that lesson recently when a buyer for a scrap metal firm called on him. After selling the small collection of used frames brought to AEB by some of the Lions who continue collecting the no longer usable eye glasses, Cordell was surprised by the price received. "It was a small amount of frames, not enough at the time, I felt, to attempt to sell," he said. "But this dealer paid a much higher price than we've ever received." Cordell expects the buyer to return on a regular basis. Any club having used frames or interested in collecting them should get them to AEB frequently. Proceeds go into AEB's operating budget.

Keeping in Touch

If you are an alumnus of AEB, please complete the following form and return it so we can keep in touch with you. Send it to Judy Williams, NEW LIFE Editor, AEB, P.O. Box 4055, Little Rock, Ark. 72204. We'd like to share some of this information about you in our "Alumni News" column.

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Alumni Association Meet Planned

Paul Revere was a great communicator. Ever since that famous night when the shoes of his horse struck fire from the stony soil of New England and his announcement that "the British are coming," we know that the best form of communication is the one-to-one message delivered with excitement.

We are asking every AEB alumnus to spread the news with anticipation. There will be an organizational meeting of all past and present trainees in Atlanta, Ga., during the national convention of the American Council of the Blind. The meeting will take place Wednesday afternoon at 5 p.m., July 7, in the Airport Marriott, the site of the convention. For further information call this toll-free number 1-800-228-9290.

Please help us contact all former trainees in your area by telephone or by letter. Dr. Roy Kumpe and Billie Elder will be there to spearhead the organizational activities.

Billie Elder
Alumni Director

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ANNIVERSARY BANQUET — Roy Kumpe, founder of AEB and former executive director, got a chance to reminisce about the center in April at an anniversary banquet celebrating the rehabilitation center's 35th year. Max Woolly, who will retire this summer as superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, was the guest speaker. Seated next to Kumpe in the picture is Jim Cordell, AEB's current executive director. The crutches on Kumpe, supporting a foot injury, are no longer necessary.

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Professional training at AEB has been a long-time goal for Lucy Manzano of Cali, Colombia. After eight years of wanting to get her training in Little Rock, Lucy is finally realizing that goal. Mobility has been a vital part of her adjustment at the center. She is working with her instructor, John Clapp, on the cover. You can read about Lucy on Pages 4 and 5.

Deaths

Joseph K. Poch, Jr., a long-time supporter of AEB and a charter member of the North Little Rock Lions Club, died on May 2 in North Little Rock.

A civic leader and former drug store owner, Poch, 83, was a past district governor and a recipient of the President's Award from Lions International. Along with the distinction of a 46-year perfect attendance record in the North Little Rock Lions Club, Poch also received two specially designed medallions which no other Lion had received: one for sponsoring 250 new members and another for sponsoring 300 new members.

He was a past president of his Lions Club and saw the club swell to 425 members, becoming the largest Lions Club in the U.S. and holding that record for four year from 1944-47.

Roy E. Jackson, 62, former superintendent and manager of the Business Enterprises Program of the Arkansas Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired, died April 6 at his home in Little Rock.

After operating a vending stand in the courthouse at Jonesboro, Jackson moved to Little Rock in 1944 to become supervisor of the Business Enterprises Program until his retirement in 1977.

He was a charter member of the Arkansas chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, a member of the National Rehabilitation Association and the American Council of the Blind.

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AEB Acquires New Training Equipment

AEB has recently acquired new equipment valued at about $20,000 that will be used in the vocational training programs.

Two machines, the Versa Braille and the Talking Terminal, are on loan to the center. The Versa Braille, an electronic paperless braille device valued at $7,000, is on loan from Telesensory Systems Incorporated. It will be used primarily in the new Office Collections Representative course. Valued at $6,000, the Talking Terminal is on loan from Maryland Computers.

"The Talking Terminal will expose the computer students to synthesized speech and to the variety of computer programming needs," explained Wayne Gum, AEB technology specialist. In exchange, the companies loaning the equipment will be able to introduce their models to potential users of their equipment, Gum said.

The Talking Terminal brings to a total 11 terminals in the computer classrooms: three braille terminals, seven video terminals and one audio terminal.

With a $5,000 grant from a trust fund of the Trebing Memorial Home for Blind Women of Little Rock, the center also has purchased materials for the Small Engine Repair class. The new equipment includes three work benches, five work stools, additional tools and lighting. The grant money will also be used to purchase instructional engines such as mowers, rotor tillers and outboard motors.

Odom Elected President of ISB

New officers for International Services for the Blind were elected in April at ISB's 10th anniversary meeting.

They include Jess Odom, chairman of the board; Roy Kumpe, president; Dr. J. M. Fowler, first vice chairman; Margaret Kolb, second vice chairman; Stanley Price, secretary; George B. Tyler, treasurer.

Serving on the executive committee of the board are Edward G. Barry, Sr., and J. M. Woolly. New board members are Wes Smelley and Dorina Nowill, president of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Reelected to the board were John Dixon, Dr. Earl Dotson, Frank Tatum, Jr., and George B. Tyler.

An affiliate of AEB, International Services for the Blind was founded in 1972 to provide scholarships to international people whose governments cannot support their professional or personal adjustment training at AEB. Funds are raised for ISB, a non-profit organization, through a light bulb sale program.

Edward G. Barry, Sr., was the first president of ISB. Other officers that year included Stanley Price, Roy Kumpe, Herman West and Jess Odom.

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Club Plans Rally

The University Heights Lions Club in Jonesboro will sponsor a political rally on Saturday, May 15, at the National Guard Armory on the campus of Arkansas State University.

An informal reception for candidates running for city, county, state and national offices will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Candidates of all parties or independents are invited to attend and make a brief presentation on the program.

Advance tickets for the 6 p.m. catfish dinner are $10 per plate or $12 at the door.

The University Heights Lions are expecting 800 to 1,000 people to attend the fund-raising event. Proceeds will go to local and state sight conservation projects.

If you would like tickets or more information, contact Lion Jim Mashburn at 1708 Covey Road, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401, 932-1621.

After eight years

Lucy's Wish Comes True

After eight years of waiting, Lucy Manzano is now realizing one of her "greatest life's wishes" as a professional trainee at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Lucy, who came to AEB in January from Cali, Colombia, is being trained as a rehabilitation teacher so that she can work with blind people in her country.

Eight years ago, while studying modern languages at the University of Del Valle in Cali, a friend of hers, Luis Pina, told her about AEB where he had just completed College Preparatory training. He helped Lucy draft a letter to Roy Kumpe, then executive director of AEB, to inquire about training possibilities. For four years, Lucy and Kumpe corresponded about her coming to the center after she completed college.

Then, in 1978, Kumpe was traveling in Colombia and made a special trip to Cali to have a personal interview with Lucy.

"In one hour, I told him my plans, my problems, my dreams," related Lucy, who is 28 and has quickly improved her English-speaking skills in three months at AEB.

Kumpe told Lucy after the interview that she was eligible to receive a scholarship from International Services for the Blind, an AEB affiliate that helps find scholarship funds for persons from other countries to come to AEB. The ISB scholarship only pays for tuition fees, however, and Lucy didn't have the money to pay the transportation and room and board costs that were extra. Kumpe even found means for her transportation to be paid by Partners of the Americas, a non-profit organization that provides an exchange of health, culture, communication and education between the U.S. and Latin American countries. But Lucy still couldn't afford the room and board costs.

So she completed college, saw no possibilities of getting to come to AEB and was able to secure a scholarship to attend law school at the University of Libre in Cali because of her excellent scores at Del Valle. After her second year of studies, the day she had hoped for came. Kumpe notified her that funds from a Lions International Foundation grant to ISB would cover her room and board fees at AEB.

Since her arrival at AEB on Jan. 14, Lucy, who is totally blind, has been in general training to get acquainted with all of AEB's programs. Mobility lessons helped to acquaint her to the center. In late April she began practice teaching.

"My first reaction after arriving was that I was very, very happy because this has been one of my greatest dreams," Lucy remembers. "I felt disoriented at the beginning because I hadn't practiced my English for three years. Also, the buildings were very big for me.

"But people have been very kind to me here. They always want to help me. They say, 'What do you need, what do you want?' "

Along with her training, she has participated in all of the social activities planned at the center. On the day she was being interviewed for this article, Lucy was excited about a camping trip scheduled for the next weekend at Pinnacle State Park — her first time to camp. She had already been to the theater, on historical tours and on outings to restaurants in Little Rock.

After her training at AEB, Lucy will spend two weeks in South Carolina as a guest of the South Carolina Partners of the Americas. South Carolina is the partner state with Cali, Colombia. While there, Lucy will speak to Lions Clubs and other civic organizations about Partners and about her experience in the U.S. She will also observe the South Carolina Commission for the Blind.

Upon returning home in June, Lucy plans first to finish her law degree. She wants to combine her law work with helping blind people get things done through the legal system, she said.

She has been told that she has a job waiting for her when she returns home

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My Dreamed Reality

I had a dream, to know America
that wonderful land of opportunities for all,
that extraordinary nation whose sons and daughters have been, without doubts,
brave, smart, worthy, an example for Mankind.

I had a dream, to go to the country of men as George Washington,
as Abraham Lincoln, as Franklin D. Roosevelt,
as Benjamin Franklin, as Tom Jefferson,
as Kennedy, and others who have built the greatest nation over the Earth.

Now my dream is the reality!
I am in America! I am in this city!
and my admiration and love for this country and its people, everyday, ar[illegible] or[illegible]ger.

America! America! I want to say: "Thank you"
you give to your people and also, to others, equality, happiness and freedom that are really true;
for all these reasons, I know God blesses you.

Lucy Manzano

Lucy Manzano

the National Institute for the Blind in ali to work as a rehabilitation teacher.

Lucy, who is in the United States for e first time, was asked if AEB and e country was what she expected. "I dn't know about the computer, the ord processor, talking calculator, lking watch and talking book service. e are very good and there is more the blind in the U.S. than I ex- cted, but they are all very expen- ve."

Along with her love for literature d language, she likes to write and cite poetry and listen to classical and pular music.

She lost vision in her left eye as the sult of glaucoma when she was 1 ar old. At age 7 she had a bicycle cident that injured her right eye, imately ending in a total loss of sion. She has had operations in both es, but the doctors finally told her ieving but hopeful parents that they ould have to accept the fact that she s blind.

Lucy certainly appears to have ac- pted her blindness and is positive d expectant about the future that aits her.

"I would like to say thanks a lot to erybody who has helped me to get AEB," she said. "I am trying to work ry hard to answer the confidence at people have placed in me. I know n going to help myself and going to others in future time."

Duncan Appointed to Post

Barbara Duncan, a former AEB instructor and former trainee, has been appointed by Arkansas Gov. Frank White as the Arkansas representative to serve on the national council for the National Year of the Disabled Person.

Duncan will coordinate all of the state activities during the year that are planned to observe the Year of the Disabled Person and work with designated liaisons throughout the state.

The first of two special activities planned will be a tea at the Governor's Mansion on June 11 to recognize outstanding employers of disabled persons. Each employer chosen to attend the tea will bring a disabled employee with him or her. First Lady Gay White will be the speaker. The purpose of the tea, Duncan said, is to promote more employment of disabled persons.

Another special activity in October is still in the planning stages and will be announced later. At the end of the year, Duncan will write a report to the governor on what has been accomplished during the year.

Duncan, who is the wife of AEB staff member Adren Duncan, is employed as a community relations assistant for the Governor's Office. She talks to people all over the state about human service needs such as Medicaid or Aid to Families with Dependent Children. She has been working in that position since 1979.

Barbara Duncan

Before that, she worked as a consumer counselor in the Consumer Protection Division in the Attorney General's Office.

A sociology and speech graduate from Northwestern State College in Alva, Okla., Duncan was the 1978 recipient of the Employee of the Year Award given by the Arkansas Council of the Blind.

Alumni Association Meet Planned

Paul Revere was a great communicator. Ever since that famous night when the shoes of his horse struck fire from the stony soil of New England and his announcement that "the British are coming," we know that the best form of communication is the one-to-one message delivered with excitement.

We are asking every AEB alumnus to spread the news with anticipation. There will be an organizational meeting of all past and present trainees in Atlanta, Ga., during the national convention of the American Council of the Blind. The meeting will take place Wednesday afternoon at 5 p.m., July 7, in the Airport Marriott, the site of the convention. For further information call this toll-free number 1-800-228-9290.

Please help us contact all former trainees in your area by telephone or by letter. Dr. Roy Kumpe and Billie Elder will be there to spearhead the organizational activities.

Billie Elder
Alumni Director

Needs, Goals Change

Wills Need To Be Updated

Editor's Note — This is the final article in a series of four articles concerning wills that will be published in NEW LIFE.

When you wrote your will you took many circumstances into consideration — your family's needs, your overall financial picture, your personal goals, and who you wanted to assume responsibilities for your estate.

But over the years the very factors you weighed when writing your will are likely to change. To keep your will in good working order, you need to review it from time to time and alter it to meet your needs.

Changes in any of the following could necessitate a review and possible change in your will:

Family's Needs

Your main reason for writing your will was probably to provide for your family's future security. One of the first provisions was probably the naming of a guardian for your children in case they should lose both parents.

But your family's needs change. Some of the people who were dependent on you at the time may not need your help any longer, while others, such as a parent or grandchild, may have special needs. If no one in your family needs financial assistance, you may want your property to benefit the blind through Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Financial Conditions

Your economic picture could change drastically from the time you first wrote your will. You may sell or trade property that was originally bequeathed in your will, or you may acquire property with a future use in mind. You may become prosperous to the point that you can provide for your family and still be able to include special friends or good works that need your help.

State Laws

The laws of descent and distribution governing wills and contractual agreements and relevant tax laws can be changed at any time. Your attorney keeps abreast of these changes and can incorporate any necessary revisions in your will. It is a good idea to have him/her review your will every few years. For example, recent tax law changes have altered the federal estate and gift tax system and changed the outcome of many estates.

And because the laws governing wills vary from one state to another, you should have an attorney in your new state review your will when you move.

Making Changes

Your attorney should be consulted for any change in your will, since an improperly inserted change could invalidate your entire will. Some changes can be made with a simple amendment called a codicil. Other require rewriting part or all of the will.

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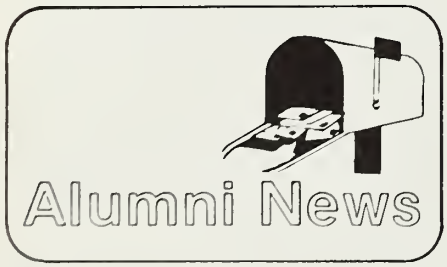

Ed Rumsey (1968) of Houston was vacationing in the Little Rock area in April and stopped by to visit AEB friends. Rumsey is a probation officer for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department in Houston. In his free time Rumsey enjoys beep baseball, disco dancing, canoeing, snow skiing and water skiing. His address is 4709 Brierbend, Houston, Tex. 77035.

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Bob Neumann (1969) writes that he is still active and even sent a newspaper clipping to AEB friends as evidence. His picture appeared recently in his local newspaper for being installed as the 1982 president of the Hikers Club in Laguna Hills, Calif. He and his wife live at 326A San Amadeo, Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653.

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Peggy Martinez (1971) is attending the Technical Vocational Institute in Albuquerque, N.M., to improve her clerical skills. After leaving AEB, she worked for 6½ years as a long distance operator for Mountain Bell Telephone Company in Albuquerque. She was in Little Rock on vacation in April to visit friends and AEB. Her address is 205 Comino Uno S.W., Albuquerque, N.M. 87105.

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Tom Lovejoy (1975) and his wife, Jan, have a new baby girl born on March 24. She is Katie LeAnne, born 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Their address is Chatfield, Minn. 55193.

Make Up Lesson

AEB trainees and interested staff learned about the new trends and colors in make up and caring for the skin in April at a free make up session.

Nancy Sheppard, make up artist for Kelly Beers Salon in Little Rock, volunteered her time to give the lesson to the group. She is pictured at left giving a demonstration with Regina Hannagan, a trainee from Wheaton, Ill.

Sheppard offered tips for caring for both dry and oily skin. She suggested a preference for the "natural" look in make up colors for face and eyes. While no brand names were emphasized, the artist also told the group about some of the new effective products on the market.

Prep Program

AEB's annual summer college preparatory program will begin next month, bringing to the center young people, most of them recent high school graduates.

This year the eight-week course is scheduled for June 7 through Aug. 6. Dr. John Lammers, professor of English at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, will be academic instructor. This will be his seventh year to participate in the program.

Three hours of college credit in freshman English will be offered from the University of Central Arkansas for students who successfully complete the program. These credits are transferable to any college or university.

This special summer session, in its 22nd year at AEB, helps blind and visually impaired students planning to enter college obtain the academic and personal adjustment skills that will make the transition from high school to college easier.

Memorials

(Editor's note) Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Alvin Frericks *by Mr. and Mrs. Lester King, Cherokee Village Lions Club*
Raymond Earl Martin *by Russellville Noon Lions Club*
Connie L. Shuffield *by Oaklawn Lions Club*
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Earl Childers *by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Snyder*
Dale Sprow *by Cherokee Village Lions Club*
James A. Hooper *by The Henry Hoffmanns*
Robert McClelland *by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson*
Virginia Richards *by Billie Elder*
Mary P. Mahaffey *by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton*
Thelma Cottingham *by Mr. and Mrs. George Ivey*
Leonard Oden *by Dr. Charles R. Moyers*
Marie Blankenship Harshaw *by G. P. Russell Family*
Dodge W. Holland *by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
Elizabeth Miller *by The Henry Hoffmanns*
Raymond Horn *by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cowles*
Robert Pettengell *by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cowles*
Lucy Bauer *by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cowles*
Mrs. Burt Phillips *by Mrs. Eva Kirby and Charles Kirby, Jr.*
Richard Hopkins *by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis*
John McEntire *by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Stallcup*
Mrs. Russell Lambert *by O. W. Long*
Mrs. Linwood Brickhouse *by Blanche W. McKnight*
Pablo Paz *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe*
Mrs. Martin Hood *by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler*
Mrs. Jesse Coleman *by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler*
Mike Clark's Two Brothers *by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hefner*
C. H. (Bud) Barber *by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rudgers*
Mamie Black Lee *by Irene and Martha Eason*
William McCoy *by Louise Keaton*
C. O. Hargett *by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graziani*
Dr. Charles D. Mitchell *by Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell*
James Owen White *by Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew Avance*
C. J. Walker *by Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew Avance*
Alva W. Rainwater *by Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew Avance*
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Alta Lee Sowell *by Jim Francis*
Winfred Glover *by Hot Springs Village Evening Lions Club*
Blanche Crofoot *by Ted Gray*
Bill Bradford *by Mildred Bradford*
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Bill Fox *by Mr. and Mrs. O. W. "Pete" Long, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sanders*
Dr. Robert Bryant *by O. W. "Pete" Long, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reed, The Wylie Family*
Bill Harris *by Doug Wilkinson*
Corrine Padgett *by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffmann, Jr.*
Mrs. E. Russell Lambert *by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mehaffy, Jr.*
Julian Glover *by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lewis*
Mrs. George Ellis *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*

Special Occasions

In honor of ***Max Woolly*** *by Ernest K. Stanley*
In honor of ***Vernon Butler's retirement*** *by Lila Lampkin*
In honor of ***The John Rosses*** *by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Laser*
In honor of ***The Meyer Gates*** *by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Laser*
In honor of ***Chester Holden's retirement*** *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin*
In honor of ***J. Earl Bixby*** *by Overland (MO) Lions Club*

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Bernice Caviness *by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis*

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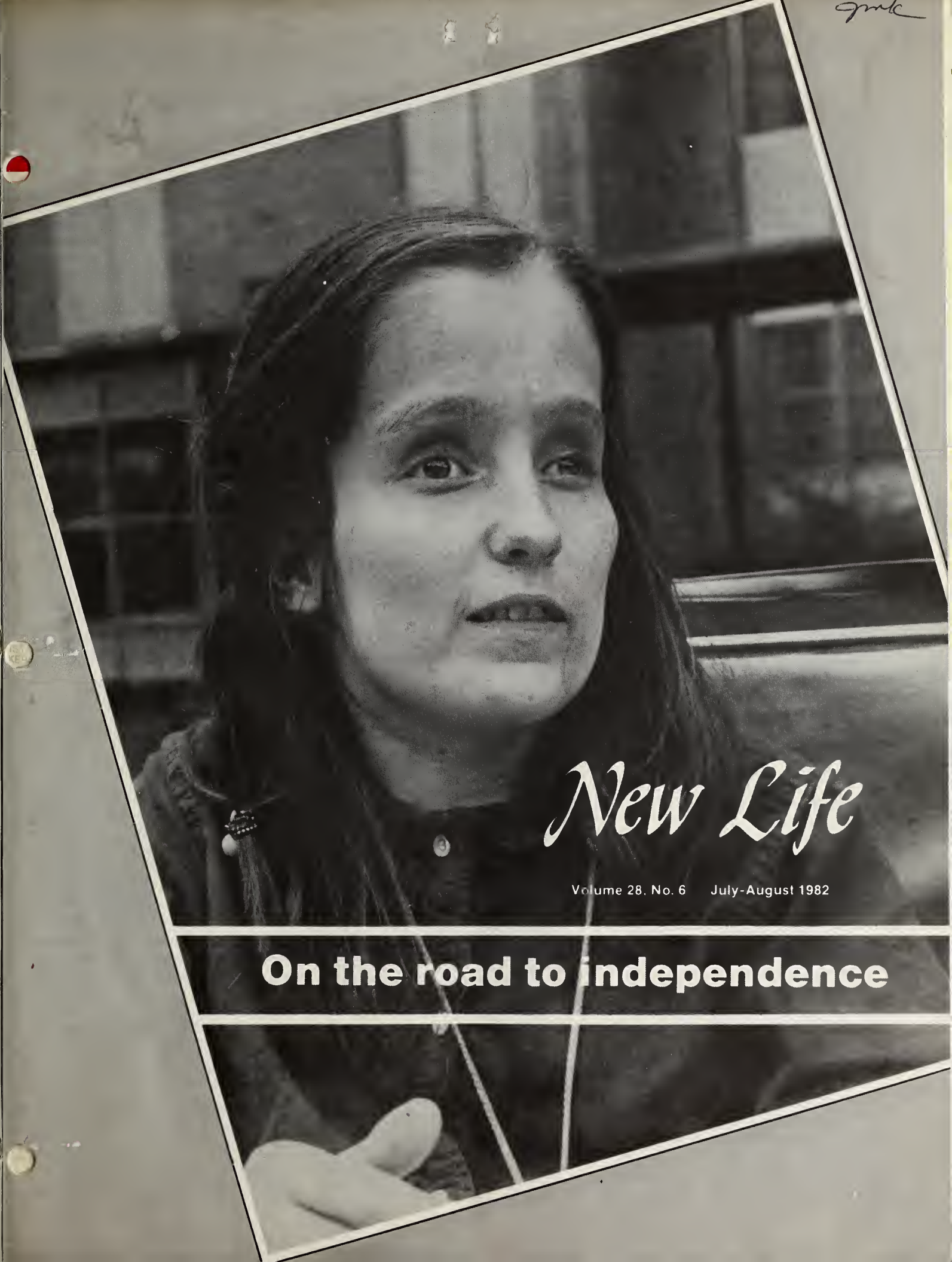

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On the road to independence

Lions Give Record Amount

Arkansas Lions to date have given their greatest amount of financial support ever to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Through mid-June the total raised by Arkansas Lions was $141,150. (A complete total will be reported in the next NEW LIFE.)

The figure is even more impressive when the Lioness and Leo clubs are added. Their combined gifts of $1,452 gives a total of $142,602 raised for AEB this year.

Lioness clubs that made donations were Cave City, Horseshoe Lake, Hot Springs Village, Hot Springs Downtown, Marion-West Memphis and Cove. The Hope Leo club also contributed. Below is a list of Lions clubs and their districts that raised $30 or more per member for AEB:

108 FOR 1
Wilson — O

90 FOR 1
Fayetteville Evening — I

75 FOR 1
White Hall — S

60 FOR 1
Bentonville-Bella Vista — I
Russellville — I
Watson Chapel — S
Wynne — N
Hope — L

50 FOR 1
Little Rock Park Plaza — S
Little Rock Southwest — S
North Little Rock — S

45 FOR 1
Harrison — I
Jacksonville Evening — S

40 FOR 1
Ashdown — L
Grady — S
Pine Bluff Evening — S
Bryant — L
Mountain Home — O

35 FOR 1
Conway — S
Conway Evening — S
Fort Smith Evening — I
Hot Springs Village Breakfast — L
Hot Springs Village Evening — L
Jacksonville — S
Salem — O
West Memphis-Marion Breakfast — N
Hot Springs Downtown — L

30 FOR 1
Arkadelphia — L
Arkadelphia Evening — L
Augusta — N
Blytheville — O
Batesville — O
Camden — L
East Camden — L
Cherokee Village Indians — O
Corning — O
DeWitt — N
DeQueen — L
El Dorado Evening — S
Eureka Springs — I
Forrest City — N
Fort Smith Southside — I
Greenland — I
Greenwood — I
Harrison Evening — I
Highland — O
Hope Evening — L
Horseshoe Lake — N
Hot Springs Diamondhead — L
Hot Springs Mid-America — L
Hot Springs Oaklawn — L
Hot Springs South — L
Hughes — N
Jonesboro-Nettleton — O
Little Rock Forest Heights — S
Little Rock Founders — S
Little Rock Oak Forest — S
Manila — O
Marianna — N
Mineral Springs — L
Monticello — S
Morrilton — I
Nashville — L
No. Little Rock McCain Mall — S
No. Little Rock North Hills — S
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Quitman — N
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This issue we profile Barbara Cooper, a young woman from Knoxville, Tenn., who is enrolled in the switchboard program at AEB. Barbara, who is multiple handicapped, has demonstrated remarkable courage in a personal struggle for independence.

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Brummer To Lead 1982-83 AEB Board

Milton L. Brummer of Hot Springs Village is the newly elected 1982-83 AEB president of the 47-member board of directors.

Brummer was elected at the June 6 quarterly board meeting. A retired district manager of the Rohm and Haas Co. at Detroit, Mich., Brummer has served on AEB's board for the last three years. He is a member of the Hot Springs Village Evening Lions Club.

Other new officers include Albert W. Isenman, Jr., of Little Rock, first vice president; J. Hardin Jones of Hot Springs, second vice president; J. D. Lewis of Forrest City, secretary; and George B. Tyler of Little Rock, treasurer.

Newly elected board members are Arkansas Sen. David Pryor; Edwin C. Daniel of Chamblee, Ga.; Bill Bookout of Sulphur, La.; Hal Long of Garber, Okla.; and William E. Steinbrueck of Chesterfield, Mo. Daniel and Steinbrueck are both past directors of Lions International.

BOARD OFFICERS (left) Albert W. Isenman, Jr., Milton L. Brummer and J. Hardin Jones.

Re-elected board members are J. Hardin Jones of Hot Springs; Mrs. E. G. Levy of Little Rock; Jess P. Odom of Maumelle; and Robert Sakon of England.

AEB Business Manager Retires

Bob Shepard, AEB's business manager for the past 10 years, has announced his retirement effective July 31.

Shepard, who came to AEB in 1972 after having worked as treasurer for Central Transformer Corp. in Pine Bluff for 20 years, is the only member of AEB's staff who has served as president of the AEB board of directors.

A member of the Little Rock Forest Heights Lions Club, Shepard was AEB president in 1971-72 when he was a member of the South Hot Springs Lions Club. Previous to that, he was a member of the Pine Bluff Lions Club from 1957 to 1971. He was a district governor for District 7-S from 1973-74.

As business manager for AEB, Shepard's duties have included supervising the accounting functions of the center, such as trainee billings, all cash receipts and the trust fund bank for trainees. He has also been in charge of making sure all assets of the center are properly utilized and safeguarded and has been overseer of the maintenance and security of the center.

Shepard

Bob and his wife, Dickee, have two sons and two grandsons. After his retirement, he plans to take care of his wife, who has been ill, and work in some traveling and fishing. For a while, he will continue to help out at AEB on a part-time basis.

Publishing Change

Because of economic reasons, NEW LIFE effective this issue will be published bimonthly six times a year. The newsletter formerly appeared 10 times a year on a monthly basis except for the combined June-July and December-January issues.

By printing 12 pages instead of the former eight-page format, the NEW LIFE staff has ample space for news of trainees, the training program and regular feature articles.

The Public Relations Committee of the AEB board of directors approved the format change earlier this year. The change will be reviewed after one year. The committee expects the change to save the center about 30 percent annually in printing and mailing costs. The major cost savings will be in postage costs.

If you ever have any news for the newsletter, or if you have any comments concerning its contents, please write or call Jim Davis, AEB director of community relations/development, or Judy Williams, newsletter editor.

NEW EQUIPMENT received at AEB through contributions includes a new sound system for AEB's auditorium being installed at left by Claude Byrd of the Hope Noon Lions Club and a Versa Braille being demonstrated at right by one of AEB's vocational trainees.

Special Gifts Help Buy Equipment

Two more Lions Clubs in Arkansas, responding to AEB's "needs list," have helped to purchase equipment valued at about $10,000 for the center.

The Fayetteville Evening Lions Club sent AEB a check for $5,000 to purchase an item from the list. The club's AEB Committee, led by chairman Bob Johnson, stipulated that the funds purchase "hands-on" equipment for use by trainees.

The $5,000 was applied to the $7,500 purchase price of a Versa Braille, an electronic paperless braille device. The balance of the cost of the machine was absorbed by a special contribution made by the Little Rock Pulaski Heights Lions Club from proceeds of Mechanic Lumber's Idea Fair. The 1981-82 president of the Fayetteville Noon Lions was Donald A. Downey.

The Versa Braille is being used by students in the Collection Contact Representative vocational program and is available to AEB trainees who need private instruction on it.

The most recent gift from the "needs list" was a sound system for the AEB auditorium. The Hope Noon Lions Club not only purchased the equipment, but members also spent the day Sunday, May 23, installing the public address system.

The overall project, which includes two microphones, an amplifier and three pairs of speakers, cost about $2,000. The system was donated in memory of one of the club's members, E. H. "Elmer" Wagner of McCaskill, a musician and band leader.

The club's Lion Tamer, Jim "Norm" Mason, a radio station engineer, led the work crew with his technical know-how. The 1981-82 president of the Hope Lions Club was Winston Davidson.

AEB's auditorium is used for various purposes. Once or twice a week speakers from the community are invited to talk on a variety of topics before a group of trainees. Talent shows, dances and other forms of recreation for the trainees are also held in the auditorium, which is the site of the annual AEB Christmas party for the blind community in the county.

Another annual event, Visiting District Governor's Day, has its program in the auditorium. Lions Clubs that come to visit the center usually meet in the auditorium, where special events are held throughout the year.

New Course

AEB began its newest vocational program, Collection Contact Representative, on May 12 with six students enrolled in the pilot class.

The program, designed in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, trains blind and visually impaired persons to work as collection representatives for the IRS. Once employed, they will be responsible for helping the IRS collect unpaid taxes by telephone or letter and will help taxpayers make payment arrangements.

Dave Moody, a retired IRS employee who worked in the collections office, is the class instructor.

The IRS has already agreed to hire all of the graduates. If successful, the course will be added to the AEB curriculum.

The four-month course is the second vocational program at AEB for persons to train for IRS jobs. The other course trains students to work as Taxpayer Service Representatives who provide answers over the telephone to taxpayers who have questions about their income taxes.

Governor's Day Set For August

The wheels are turning and all the last minute details are nearing completion for AEB's 22nd annual Visiting District Governor's Day.

The two-day meeting is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28 and 29. In conjunction with the event, the Hot Springs Village Lions Club again will host an international family night on Aug. 27.

Invitations have been mailed to 70 district governors from other states. Everett "Ebb" Grindstaff of Texas, the new president of Lions International, will attend the activities and will be the featured speaker on the Saturday evening program. In addition, a number of international directors and past international presidents have been invited to attend.

Registration for Governor's Day will begin on Saturday morning at the Executive Inn, a new headquarters location this year. Tours of AEB will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the program.

Herman West, co-chairman of the event, said he will need 50 Arkansas Lions to serve as hosts. Lions who want to help but can't be a host because of other commitments may want to make a $200 contribution to the Governor's Day Committee that would pay for a visiting governor's expenses. The contribution is tax deductible. Last year, several Lions and Lioness clubs across the state made $100 to $200 contributions to help defray costs.

For the past 22 years, AEB and Arkansas Lions have been inviting district governors from other states to AEB to explain AEB's services to them and how these services help blind persons from their states. West, who is sharing the chairman position with 1st International Vice President Jim Fowler, stressed that the event is cost effective. The overall cost last year to AEB and Arkansas Lions for Governor's Day was $12,000, while out of state Lions contributions last year amounted to slightly more than $36,000.

GIFT — Past District Governor M.G. "Red" Heard accepts a $1,110 check for AEB from Gussie Broomfield, president of the Hammond, La., Lioness Club. The donation represents a $30 per member contribution from the club, the greatest per-member amount given to AEB from a Lioness club.

Students Hired By IRS

Three students in AEB's Computer Programmer class that will graduate in August have already been employed by the Internal Revenue Service at its central data processing office in Washington, D.C.

They are Charles Bourque of Kaplan, La.; Chuck Bryant of Anderson, S.C.; and Michele Boulter of Little Rock. They will start to work in September or October following a brief orientation session with the IRS.

Their employment marks another training relationship for AEB with the Internal Revenue Service, following that of the Taxpayer Service Representative and Collections Contact Representative vocational programs that train blind persons to work for the IRS.

In June, three data processing branch officials and a personnel official from IRS came to AEB to interview the students in the Computer Programmer class for possible placement in the Washington office. While the IRS has hired deaf programmers before, hiring blind programmers is relatively new to IRS.

Wayne Gum, AEB's technology specialist, expects the IRS to hire more of AEB's programmer students if these trainees recently hired are successful.

COMMITTEE — About 15 Internal Revenue Service officials from across the country met with the AEB admissions committee for the Taxpayer Service Representative vocational course earlier this year to review the program and candidates for the next class. Duane Balentine, AEB's assistant executive director, sits at the head of the table to lead the discussion.

College Prep — An Insurance Plan

Every summer for the past 22 years AEB has been selling an insurance policy to blind and visually impaired young people across the country who are about to enter college.

The plan, AEB's summer College Preparatory program, is 10 weeks of work on polishing English, typing, math, mobility and braille skills. The return on the investment is that the policy holder can expect to enter college, the new skills fresh on his mind, with confidence and an attitude conducive to learning.

John Lammers, an English professor at the University of Central Arkansas who has been teaching the course for the past seven years, keeps two premises in mind when teaching the course. One, college freshmen in general, sighted or not sighted, are very ill prepared to enter college. Two, there are specific problems that blind people face when entering college.

Well aware that 50 percent of freshmen at American universities never make it to their sophomore year, Dr. Lammers first works on the attitude of the prospective students.

"If a freshman doesn't study his first weeks in college, he can lose a grip on the rest of the semester. Most students are sufficiently threatened about college, that they have to work hard, but for whatever reason, they don't come with a well organized attitude," he observed. "If we can get these students to go in with a purposeful and organized attitude, then their chances of succeeding are much better."

Lammers expects the College Prep students to be serious about the summer program and serious about attending college. The ones who aren't, he said, don't make it through his summer course and usually decide that college isn't for them. The majority of the ones who are serious go on to college and make it.

How does he work on their attitude?

"I am demanding and try not to give them very much slack," Lammers explained. "I give them assignments and I expect them to do them. I make this program a reality experience."

The only slack, Lammers said, comes in the first couple of weeks in the program. "If after that they aren't turning in assignments, then we get them out of the program. After the slack, I hope to create more and more a business-like attitude. Then I hope this attitude carries over with them to college."

The students spend a large portion of the 10 weeks, especially the students who have more vision, working on reading, writing and grammar. "I feel the major weakness of students of the American education system is that they don't know how to read," Lammers said. "Many people think the problem is writing, but how can you write if you can't read?"

Lammers begins with basics — reading sentences, such as those in a newspaper or an instruction booklet, and learning what these sentences mean. "I'm not talking about interpretation. This is not an artsy-craftsy thing. I convince them that basically a sentence in a newspaper means what it means." The clues to the meaning, he said, lie in breaking down the sentence, finding the subject and verb — a form of diagramming without using in graphs.

Lammers stressed the impor tance of learning the basics of reac ing, saying that Shakespeare an other literary works of art can't b interpreted without learning firs how to read and comprehend eas ier material.

Dr. Lammers coordinates hi work with the rest of the AEB staf While all of the 10 students in th College Prep program this summe must attend Lammer's lectures, th rest of the schedule is arranged t fit the individual's needs. Totall blind students usually require mor braille and mobility work. The thre Nigerians in the program requir more basic work in language anc since all are totally blind, in braill and mobility. Some of the student are deficient in note-taking, so the spend time improving their skill on the slate and stylus. Those wh will be using readers in colleg work with AEB's volunteer readers.

At the end of the program Lammers rates the students an gives their state rehabilitatio counselors an assessment of hov well he thinks they will perform i college. If state funds would b used to send the student to college the counselor then makes a judg ment whether or not to provide col lege funds for them.

A class lecture.

Lammers

Trainees always find time for a break from the classroom routine.

Prep student takes mobility lessons.

Fun and Frolic will be the theme for the day at this year's annual Cabaret sponsored by the Arkansas Quasar chapter of the American Council of the Blind. Mark Saturday, Sept. 25, on your calendar. There'll be homemade baked goods, a haunted house, a fortune teller, hot dogs and ice cream and lots more in the courtyard at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Proceeds benefit the ACB Quasar chapter.

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Independence her goal

Courage Marks Her Quest

If you were to sit down for a while and talk with Barbara Cooper, it wouldn't take long to become impressed by the 25-year-old woman's courage and independence.

Her soft-spoken but matter-of-fact manner at first might belie the inner strength and warm personality that eventually surfaces.

A trainee at AEB for a little more than a year, Barbara has undergone a metamorphosis in the past 14 months. When she came to the center from her home in Knoxville, Tenn., she was very shy and introverted and easily intimidated by other people.

Barbara, who said she was sheltered all her life at home because of her multiple handicaps, didn't know how to cope in the independent living situation at AEB. She is confined to a wheelchair because of paraplegia, the result of a birth defect of the spine, called spina bifida. When she was 7, she developed hydrocephalus, increased spinal fluid in the brain which causes malformation of the head. This damaged her optic nerve and resulted in loss of most of her vision at age 8.

A high school graduate, Barbara received most of her education through home tutoring. She rarely got out of the house. Her contact with the outside world was mostly through television, radio and books. When she could bear the confinement no longer, Barbara took the initiative to personally call her state rehabilitation office and ask for help.

"After graduation I didn't do anything," she related during an interview in AEB's solarium. "I became tired of doing nothing, so I called a rehabilitation teacher in Knoxville and told her I wanted to find a job. She asked me one basic question — if I could physically handle an eight-hour job."

Barbara's negative answer led to her referral to the Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center in Knoxville, a center for physically handicapped persons. It was her first chance for any kind of rehabilitation, and Barbara suddenly knew rehabilitation would be the key to her future independence. In her six weeks there, she learned to get in and out of the bed and bathtub by herself and total basic physical grooming.

She also began counseling with a psychologist who helped her to begin to deal with the emotional problems that had been mounting over the years.

Following that short training, her state rehabilitation counselor, Catherine Reynolds, told her about AEB where she might pursue vocational training as a switchboard operator.

"She told me, 'Maybe next year you can go.' " Her persistence cropping up again, Barbara replied: "Well, if I could go next year, this year would be better."

Six months later, after all the contacts and paper work, Barbara found herself at AEB — "The first time in my life I've been totally independent."

"At first, I didn't do anything but go to class," Barbara remembered. During the two breaks each day, she would quietly sit in her next class. "I was shy, I was introverted, I was scared. I didn't have the drive to get out and do things. I had been sheltered all my life."

The concern of a fellow trainee encouraged her to come out of her cocoon.

"He introduced himself to me one day and asked if I would do him a favor," Barbara related. "I said yes and he said, 'Would you call me anytime you need to go anywhere or get anywhere?' That was the *favor*."

A friendship with him and his girl friend eventually led to other friendships for Barbara, who now enjoys the social activities with other trainees at and away from the center.

"I'm more assured of myself now, I'm more secure, and people don't intimidate me as much as they used to," Barbara said. "I know more about myself. Instead of having the attitude that things might not work, I have the attitude that they're going to have to work. I'm going to make them work."

Cooper

While acquiring interpersonal skills has been important to Barbara, learning skills at AEB to compensate for her blindness, especially mobility training in the wheelchair, has also increased her self confidence. Also, for the past six months she has been training on the switchboard for two class periods a day and working the board during the evenings independently.

Barbara doesn't know how much longer she will be in training at AEB. At the time of the interview, she was expecting a new, smaller wheelchair that would be easier to manipulate. She will need more mobility training when it arrives. She is also still trying to upgrade her braille skills so that she possibly can teach braille as a means to earn extra income. With the switchboard training, she hopes to set up an answering service in her home after leaving AEB.

Her ultimate goal is to be independent and to stay in touch with herself. "I'm just learning to be true to me," Barbara said. "I believe that you have to learn to accept yourself and to learn to believe that you're okay. I know that I may be different. I may be strange. I may be unique. But I'm okay."

If you ever get a chance to know Barbara, you'll find that she's okay, too. You'll probably find that she's even more than okay.

Fowler Now Lions 1st Vice President

Dr. Jim Fowler has taken one more step towards serving as president of Lions International.

Fowler, of Hot Springs, was elected first vice-president during the 65th international convention held in Atlanta. He will serve a one-year term and stand for election as Lions International president in 1983.

A member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, the oldest club in Lionism, Fowler has been AEB's president, 1974-75, and chairman of its Million Dollar Expansion Campaign. He is responsible for the growth of Visiting District Governors Day into one of the largest gatherings of Lions' official family held in the U.S. Fowler is an ex-officio member of AEB's board.

He also serves as first vice president of the International Services for the Blind, an affiliate of AEB.

A large delegation of Arkansas Lions was on hand in Atlanta to support Dr. Fowler. Arkansas' delegation was housed in the Atlanta Hilton.

AEB Patches Here

After several efforts to find a suitable source for patches, AEB now has a patch available for its supporters.

The patch follows closely along the same pattern as AEB's trading pin. It has a dark blue background trimmed in white, the rehabilitation center's logo with black, white and gold coloring, and the Lions' emblem in the upper right corner.

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Honor of The Mike Lyons' new daughter, ***Laura Elizabeth****, by The Albert Lasers and James*

Lila Lampkin Winner of 1982 Allen Award

Lila Lampkin, AEB's administrative assistant since 1959, has been named the winner of the 1982 Allen Award given by the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

She will receive the award at the AAWB convention that will be held July 25-29 in Orlando, Fla. Appropriately, Roy Kumpe, AEB founder who hired Lampkin as his secretary in 1946, will make the award presentation.

The award, named and established for Alfred Allen upon his death, recognizes persons for their dedication and quality of direct service to blind persons. Recipients are selected by an AAWB awards committee.

Lampkin has been an active member and leader in AAWB since 1950. She has served on the board of directors for two different terms, from 1966-69 and 1973-75. Her other positions have included national secretary and member of the Executive Committee of the board of directors.

In her 36 years at AEB, Lampkin has worked in numerous capacities. In 1947 she worked with Kumpe, then executive director, in founding the AEB Rehabilitation Center. In the early years when the staff was small, she wore many hats. She taught vending stand operators to prepare their weekly reports and to file medical insurance claims. Other duties involved purchasing, working in the recreational program, cashier-bookkeeper, trainee scheduling coordinator and housing and maintenance supervisor.

She currently is administrator of the staff insurance and retirement program, coordinator of medical bills for trainees and coordinator of the scholarship program of the International Services for the Blind. She works closely with the Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee for sight conservation and work for the blind.

Lampkin, a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, was instrumental in persuading the sorority to contribute to work for the blind. She is a current board member of the Arkansas affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness.

Alumni News

Ann Antonetti (1975) was the subject of a feature article in The Boston Globe in June for her work as a taxpayer service specialist in the Boston IRS office. She also does recruitment work for the IRS with handicapped students. She and her husband, Ralph (1975), are graduates of AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative program. He is working for the Massachusetts State Income Tax Bureau.

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Judith McCreary (1975) recently received a special achievement award from the Indianapolis, Ind., IRS district office for her work in helping to compose a referral guidebook for the district. The cash award was for $350. Judith, who works in the Indianapolis office, is a graduate of AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative program.

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Richard Fox (1981) writes that he is currently taking courses through the Hadley School for the Blind home study program. He would like to hear from some of his AEB friends. His address is Route 2, Box 18, Nancy, Ky. 42544.

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Dennis Holzhouser (1982), a graduate of AEB's Computer Programmer course, has accepted employment with the Cooperative Extension Services of the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

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Lillie Threadgill Briggins (1972, 1975) has moved back to Arkansas and would like to hear from some of her AEB friends. She is married to a truck driver and is expecting a second child in August. Her address is P.O. Box 192, Ashdown, Ark. 71822.

Thanks For Caring

Howard and Phyllis Hanson wish to thank all the staff of AEB and the Lions of the area for their concern while Howard was in the hospital. He spent five weeks in diagnostic evaluation, cancer of the colon surgery and recovery. The surgery was complicated by the special methods required to operate on an emphysema patient. Every action was successful and Hanson is home regaining his strength. Hanson was executive director of AEB from 1978-80.

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AWARD — Jim Cordell presents the framed certificate to Lawson Glover at a recent Malvern Lions Club meeting.

A Jolly Good Lion

"For He's a Jolly Good Lion" would most likely describe each of the more than 6,500 Lions who live in Arkansas.

However, AEB chose Lawson Glover of Malvern as the first person to surprise with such a special designation. A delegation of staff from AEB honored Lion Glover at a recent weekly Malvern Lions Club meeting. Glover's surprise about the award was so complete that he was unaware that his family had slipped in during the meeting to see him receive the certificate.

The new award is AEB's way of recognizing and thanking those Lions who always seem to have AEB's best interest at heart. The AEB Development Committee will recommend Lions for the award. Robert Drebelbis, a member of the Harrison Evening Lions Club, designed the art work on the certificate.

Lion Lawson's deeds speak highly in favor of him becoming the first recipient of the award. He is a past district governor, an AEB board member and a past board president. He has traveled to Lions Clubs in and out of state on the center's behalf. An attorney by trade who is now retired, Glover recently used his professional experience to help in an AEB wills clinic held at Hot Springs Village. In addition, his work with several estates and trusts has resulted in more than $250,000 being contributed to AEB in the last few years.

Without a doubt, no one more deserving of the recognition could have been selected to inaugurate the award.

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On The Cover

Our expectations are high for a new vocational course that AEB began in January, Salesmanship. Job surveys across the country have told us that there are plenty of openings across the country in sales positions. The course offers training in basic sales practice, with an emphasis on telephone sales, stocks and bonds and insurance. An added incentive the program has for its next class is free tuition and possible stipends for students. Read more about it on Pages 10 and 11.

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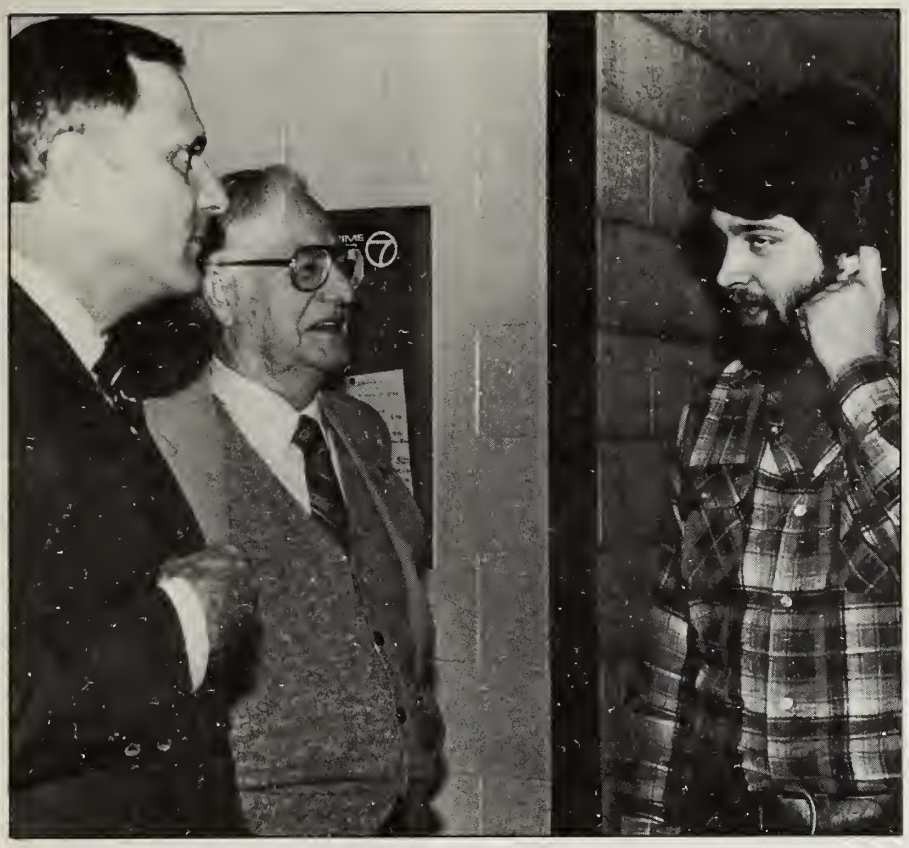

Senator Pryor Visits AEB

Tour helps him assess human services needs

U.S.Senator David Pryor of Arkansas, while on legislative recess in January, came home to the state to tour several non-profit agencies that might be affected by federal budget cuts in the human services area. On his Jan. 12 tour of AEB, Sen. Pryor visited with AEB staff and trainees to learn more about the center's services. Top left: Pryor and AEB Founder Roy Kumpe talk with trainee Lynn Wachtell. Top right: Pryor visits the typing class. Left: The senator meets trainee Mike Pickering.

We heard from several alumni over the Christmas and New Year's holidays and would like to share some of their addresses in this column for persons who might want to get in touch with them.

Kenneth J. LeBlanc (1964) is operating a vending facility at the Terrebonne Parish Courthouse in Houma, La. His address is Carolyn Avenue, Houma, La. 70360.

Matthew E. Mussa (1964) sends his address as P.O. Box 342, Gamboa, Republic of Panama.

Bob Fuller (1967) is still working for Texas Eastman. His holidays were especially happy for him because he had his four grandchildren home for Christmas. He lives at 1801 N. 10th, Longview, Tex. 75601.

Mildred Gillette (1968) reports having had stomach surgery last year and suffering from broken ribs during the year, plus helping husband Claude celebrate his 80th birthday. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 584, Stuttgart, Ark. 72160.

Gary Beattie (1969) has been promoted at the Internal Revenue Service office in Dallas to the position of acting group manager.

T. Ray Dickinson (1976) is living at 214 W. Alpine, Siloam Springs, Ark. 72761.

Vicki (Parker) Barnette (1977) was married last summer. She is still working as an operator for Southern Bell Telephone Co. Her address is 1895 Potwin, Baton Rouge, La. 70810.

Mary Gryc (1979) reports a busy schedule. She is taking a braille course from Hadley School for the Blind and is recording secretary for the American Council of the Blind in New York. Her address is 75 Tennyson Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14216.

Linda Chou (1979) writes that she misses AEB and friends. She is acting director of the Institute for the Blind in Taiwan. Her address is 9, Lane 144, Section II, Yeng-Ping N. Road, Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.

John Glisson (College Prep 1980) sends his address as P.O. Box 434, Fulton, Ky. 42041.

Jim McNulty (1980) was featured recently in an article published in The Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tenn. McNulty, who is deaf and blind, is in training at WLYX-FM radio station at Southwestern University in Memphis learning to be a disc jockey. A former music teacher before he lost his hearing, McNulty hopes his training will allow him to host a classical show on WLYX.

(Photo courtesy The Commercial Appeal)

FORMER TRAINEE Jim McNulty (right) learns the DJ trade from Jeff Cowell, general manager for WLYX-FM radio station at Southwestern University in Memphis, Tenn.

Luther Honeycutt (1981) has moved to 12707 Bellaire, #1807, Houston, Tex. 77072.

Anita Barrington (1982), a recent graduate of the Small Business Management course, began working on Feb. 1 at a vending facility in Albany, Ga.

Wayne Nettles (1982), a graduate of the Computer Programmer course, is now working in Columbia for the state of South Carolina as a programmer intern.

Pais Helps In New Master's Program

Amy Pais, AEB's low vision clinic coordinator, on Jan. 15 and 16 participated in a workshop sponsored by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry to help develop the country's first master of science program in low vision at the college.

As a consultant at the curriculum development workshop, Pais met with persons from a variety of disciplines who work with low vision populations across the country. They included optometrists, ophthalmologists, technical personnel, special education teachers, social workers and counselors.

The new masters program in vision rehabilitation at Pennsylvania College in Philadelphia will begin accepting students this fall.

Amy Pais

It is a 12-month, 52-credit hour curriculum. It is competency based and flexible to provide different tracts for students entering with a variety of backgrounds.

Pais, who has been AEB's clinic coordinator since 1970 and is also coordinator of AEB's psycho-social department, has long expressed an interest in more training for professionals who work in low vision.

"The outlet for input into the first masters program will lead to more contribution into the low vision field by centers such as AEB," Pais said. "This will allow the network for professionals in the field of low vision to continue to learn together."

Auction Committee In Need Of Donations

Want a box seat at Oaklawn for the '84 racing season? A Johnson outboard motor?

Or maybe a weekend at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock or the Majestic in Hot Springs?

How about a lot at Horseshoe Bend?

All at a possible bargain? Best of all, at the same time you are getting a good buy for your money, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind will be getting a financial boost to its budget.

Your opportunity for all this and more is coming on June 15 when the Arkansas Lions will host a statewide TV auction to benefit AEB.

KATV-TV, channel seven in Little Rock, has donated the air time for the auction, and Lions across the state are busy working to make the fund-raising effort successful, even negotiating with the cable companies to broadcast the auction in all parts of the state.

Milt Brummer, AEB president and auction chairman, has set a goal to raise $50,000 for AEB. "It's possible," claimed the enthused chairman who has been slowed somewhat by a recent open heart surgery. To raise $50,000, Brummer estimated that $100,000 or more in dollar value of merchandise must be donated.

Co-chairman Wes Smelley of Little Rock has stepped in to take up the slack during Brummer's recovery. Smelley said the major assistance from Lions in the state involves collecting items to be auctioned. He reported that fewer than 50 donations for the auction were on hand at the end of January.

Smelley and contributions chairman Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville said there are probably many more goods that have been solicited by clubs in the state, but these haven't been reported and forwarded to AEB. "Either it's that, or we're running behind schedule in securing gifts," Wilkinson explained.

Items should be at AEB well before the auction, as early as May. The extra time is needed to catalog the merchandise by value and to prepare description cards for the announcers, bid board hangers, promotions and other preliminary work.

Smelley said that AEB, the board of directors and the auction committee are ready to assist any club that wants to help with the auction but might be unaware of how members can help. He urged clubs to call him, AEB or a district governor.

AEB Gets $1,000 Gift

AEB has received a $1,000 contribution from the McDonnell Douglas Personnel Charity Plan. Robert L. Harmon, chairman of the plan, notified AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell of the gift in late January.

The money will be used to help purchase tools and equipment for a new bicycle and moped repair vocational course that AEB hopes to add to its curriculum this year.

In 1981, the plan's board of directors approved two separate $1,000 contributions to AEB to purchase supplies for vocational programs.

Got Any News?

If you have any items or ideas for future articles, please let us know. We also welcome comments about the AEB program or articles which have been in past issues of **New Life**. Please call Jim Davis or Judy Williams at 664-7100, or write us at 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, Ark. 72204.

Be Careful In Selecting Executor

By Jim Davis
AEB Development Director

One of the questions that comes up frequently when discussing wills involves who should be named executor of the estate. Many think first of their spouse or eldest child. According to experts in the field, this may be placing an extra burden on the person.

When a beneficiary is named the executor, instead of naming your lawyer, banker or anyone else who wouldn't benefit from the estate, that person has to be careful not to serve his own interest above those of the others.

There are good arguments for not naming a family member as your executor. In many estates the attorney who prepared the will will be involved in distributing the assets. Since there is involvement anyway, the added duties as executor would be appropriate.

Another burden on a spouse or child is the emotional aspect. Many people might prefer that someone else handle the executor's duties. Naming a child who lives in another state is a greater problem. There could be several trips and a great deal of expense involved in transferring property titles, paying taxes and distributing assets. Estates worth greater than $250,000 may require several months to close.

Conflicts among family members develop when settlement of personal items begins. At this time it might be difficult for a surviving spouse or child to be objective. On the other hand, if everything is being given to the spouse, none of the problems might arise.

One of the major reasons given for selecting a family member as executor is the cost. If the fee is your concern, you could negotiate it now with the potential executor and save more than money when your estate is settled.

Texan Lot Winner

Congratulations to Albert Brown of Sherman, Tex., the new owner of a piece of Arkansas real estate. He now owns a lot at Diamondhead that was donated to AEB several years ago by a member of the Diamondhead Lions Club.

Brown's name was drawn from a group of $100 contributors during the Mid-Winter Lions Conference in Searcy.

Under the special project initiated by AEB's building and grounds committee last spring, $100 donors to the special project received a ticket that made them eligible for the drawing. Although the goal was 100 donors, the project raised $4,500 for AEB.

ANNUAL GIVING

The following is a list of persons who have contributed to AEB since the last listing published in NEW LIFE's November-December issue. The list includes those making annual gifts, and those making contributions to the history committee, the McCullough Foundation, and the Kumpe Fellowship. Some have contributed to more than one category. If you have made a gift and your name doesn't appear in this issue, the gift was probably received after our print deadline. Your name will appear in the next listing.

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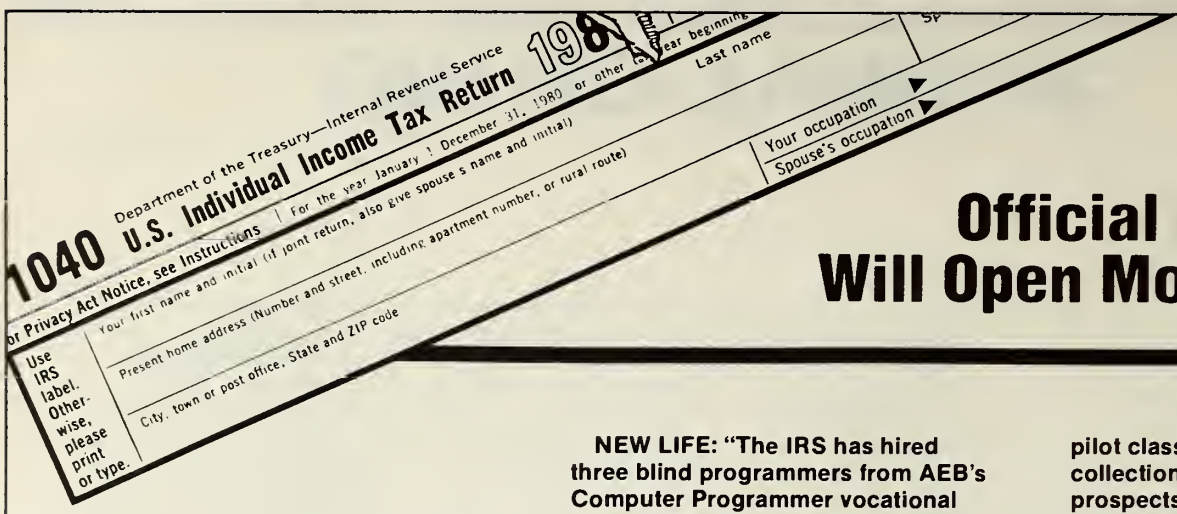

Official Predicts C Will Open More IRS Job

(Editor's note — The following NEW LIFE interview is with Terry Green of Dallas, Taxpayer Service Program manager for the southwestern regional office of the Internal Revenue Service. Green, who has been working directly with AEB for the past four years, has helped coordinate the placement of Taxpayer Service Representative vocational graduates of AEB and the cooperative agreement between the IRS and AEB in which the IRS provides much of the training material needed for the class. This agreement over the past two years has helped AEB to offer training similar to that used in the IRS's own Taxpayer Service training program.)

NEW LIFE: "Over the past 15 years the IRS has employed a large number of TSR graduates of AEB. What are the prospects of Taxpayer Service being an on-going employment avenue for blind people?"

GREEN: "Certainly Taxpayer Service, as well as the IRS and any other federal agency, is dependent largely on the budget we're operating from. The Taxpayer Service Division survived a proposed reduction in our service levels this year. Assuming that our funding remains at approximately the levels that we have now, we should continue at the same rate of employment or slightly above the levels that we have experienced, not only for the physically handicapped but for employment in general."

NEW LIFE: "The IRS has hired three blind programmers from AEB's Computer Programmer vocational course. What kind of future do you see for visually impaired programmers in relation to employment with the IRS?"

GREEN: "IRS has several programs heavily dependent upon the computer. We're trying to fully utilize the current technology available to us. IRS has for years had some visually handicapped people in the programming area. I think the most recent hiring of three people from AEB is probably an overt effort of the IRS to get more into the business of employing visually handicapped individuals. I expect this would continue both for our national computer programming applications, and other applications associated with micro computers and mini computers.

"I think what is encouraging to IRS is that with this technology is the adaptability of visually handicapped persons to our work situations. I see nothing but a superior opportunity for expansion of our utilization of these computer graduates."

NEW LIFE: "Last year we offered a pilot class to train persons to work in collections for the IRS. What are the prospects of continuing this course with the IRS?"

GREEN: "The next year we will be going to a much more automated system whereby most of our balance due inventories will be on a compute system instead of being on pieces of paper. From our point of view, that with the amount of paper we've had i the past, it was a barrier that we had to overcome for the visually handicapped. The automated system will open up a new potential market for visually handicapped individuals who can use the Versa Braille and similar types of equipment. I envisior that when these new automated systems come on line that the revival of the pilot project in collections would likely take place."

NEW LIFE: "Looking at a TSR position from the standpoint of a visually impaired person interested in a career avenue, what kind of expectations can they have about job stability and upward mobility as a TSR?"

GREEN: "These TSR graduates are not doomed to just front line telephone work. Of the 160 visually

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Among the numerous IRS officials who have visited AEB is IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger (center), who toured AEB in November 1981. He is talking with Walker Tucker (left), 1981-82 board president, and Executive Director Jim Cordell.

mpaired persons working for Taxpayer Service last year, 88 of hem were in fact working front line elephone type work, 80 percent of whom are AEB graduates. The other 72 were actually performing above he first level degree of difficult questions. This includes the tougher ax questions that involve a problem on an account, as well as some management and other staff type work. That indicates that they are developing beyond the basic training received at AEB.

"We've acquired some equipment o make their job easier or to allow hem to become more competitive. We've recently added several Versa Braille, and at some of our locations ve have the Kurzeil Reading Machines. Everybody has a pocket talking) calculator. I think now more han ever they can advance just about o the level their abilities will take hem.

NEW LIFE: "Your agency has had mple time to assess the job erformance of the AEB graduates ired for Taxpayer Service. What kind f generalization can you make about heir record on the job?"

GREEN: "We've had exceptional success with these individuals. There's no doubt about it. Once these individuals go through the pre-training program they go through at AEB, as well as the interview situation we put them through during the admissions committee and then the three months of classroom training, they have to want the job awfully bad. I see in many cases that they come out of training a lot more dedicated to the profession and wanting to do a good job. Certainly the extra effort they have to put into it, just getting to that work opportunity, is another factor of their success. From all my observations I think their sighted co-workers are all impressed with the dedication and marvel at the ability of these individuals and how effectively they do their job."

Taxpayer Service Program Manager

NEW LIFE: "Why has the IRS been so interested over the years in employing visually impaired persons?"

GREEN: "I think over the years graduates from AEB and our other visually impaired employees have worked out well. It has become darned good business for us to take these people who are well trained and put them to work. It's certainly not a charity venture. We in government all have a job to do. We think it's strictly good business.

"We're not exclusively in the business of working with blind individuals. We have a facility whereby we employ deaf employees and paraplegics. We try to accommodate and do our part in terms of equal employment opportunity in the handicapped area as well as the other EEO initiatives."

NEW LIFE: "It's evident that your agency has spent a lot of time and money in working with AEB graduates. Do you think a training relationship like this would be feasible for a private business or industry?"

GREEN: "I have no doubt that there's a million jobs out there that a visually handicapped person could do as well as a sighted person. A lot of hesitation that an employer might have had in the past can readily be overcome now with new technology. Most state agencies are willing to help in the acquisition of equipment that is necessary to put a person to work. Certainly if somebody is being contacted by telephone, that's an excellent avenue to start."

NEW LIFE: "Anything you want to add?"

GREEN: "IRS has been very appreciative of AEB's cooperation and the willingness to work with us, both to educate us in the workings of the visually handicapped community as well as in our acquisition of equipment, helping us solve problems that we've had in accommodating these individuals in our work force. You have an impressive facility and have certainly met the needs that we have expressed in the past."

Sales Training Opens Door To Many Jobs

Instead of just getting their feet wet, students in AEB's new Salesmanship vocational course found themselves being dunked in the water — whole hog, Arkansas style. No beating around the bush.

The minute class started in January, instructor Paul Doss got the seven students in the class involved in working on self motivation, the primary ingredient necessary to be a successful salesperson.

The early baptism included listening to a series of motivational records, featuring such essays as Norman Vincent Peale's "Power of Positive Thinking," in the "Blueprints for Success" series. Students also heard an overview of the three areas of study in the course: telephone sales, insurance sales and stocks and bonds sales.

Tuition Is Free

The vocational course is being funded by a $60,731 state Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) grant that provides "seed" money to get the program started for the first 11 months. In two five-month courses during 1983, AEB will train at least 18 students and help in placing them in sales positions. Tuition for the course is free, and some stipends are available.

Beyond a heavy emphasis on motivation, the course curriculum uses the textbook, "Salesmanship Fundamentals," and incorporates role play situations of interviews in selling. Students recently studied the stock market and did some simulated buying of stock, watching the course of their investments. Special speakers from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock economics and marketing departments will conduct class sessions, as well as citizens from the community who are employed in sales.

While most of the students in the first class, who range in age from 20 to 41, haven't had previous sales experience, all of the students have overwhelmed the AEB campus with their enthusiasm and determination. From the beginning, they have dressed as if they were going to work instead of to class every morning — coats and ties and dresses and suits. It isn't unusual for them to be so engrossed in class that they forget the center's regularly scheduled breaks during the day.

"There's no excuse for success, but failure has many excuses" is a motto of the instructor that is often echoed by his students.

Goals Set High

Doss, an insurance salesman for the A. L. Williams Co., has been the director who has magically transformed a classroom initially filled with students who were eager but skeptical or timid about a sales career to a classroom of students who are now completely sold on embarking on their career. Many of them began with modest career goals but have since set much higher expectations for themselves.

Doss attributes this transformation to having a positive attitude himself about the class. "In sales, you have to be motivated and have a good attitude all the time. I share some of my personal sales experiences with them and they like that."

A resident of Cabot, Doss became interested in teaching the course because he was looking for a new challenge. "I was doing well in sales, but I felt like I had reached a plateau and wanted something to do that was more challenging," said Doss, who still works for the Williams firm on a part-time basis.

In his first experience of working with blind people, Doss doesn't believe that a visual impairment will hinder his students' chances of succeeding in sales.

Handicap No Barrier

"It will be a handicap for them only if they allow it," he explained. "People are always looking for a good salesperson. We're basicallyall salespeople who use our persuasive powers in different ways. What I am trying to stress to the class is that they will be successful if they have drive and enthusiasm and a will to want to be a winner."

Ray Speakman, a former Baptist minister from Dacatur, Ala., said the class has been different from what he had expected. "I thought there would be just a lot of facts to learn. We work on the abstract more. Like in planning our career goals, we had to do a self analysis, having to go to the bottom line in our lives," he said. "I knew what a great guy I was before, but now I'm not so sure," joked Ray, the class comedian.

Ken Goodwin of Little Rock, another student in the class, said he had always thought of sales as being a fly-by-night operation. But he has changed his mind about the occupation.

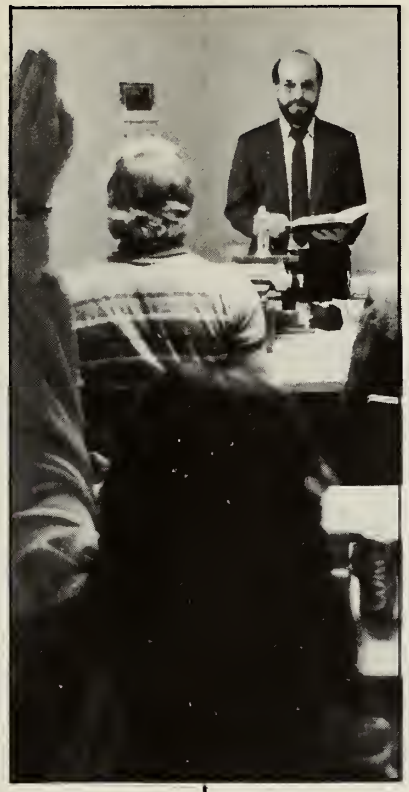
"Successful selling is not a high pressure operation," he observed. "It's trying to gear your product as a needs product. There's much more to it than I thought. And because there are so many possibilities for jobs in sales, I think this is the best vocational program at AEB."

Ernie Gephardt, coordinator of the program who was instrumental in launching the program, agrees with Ken about the job possibilities.

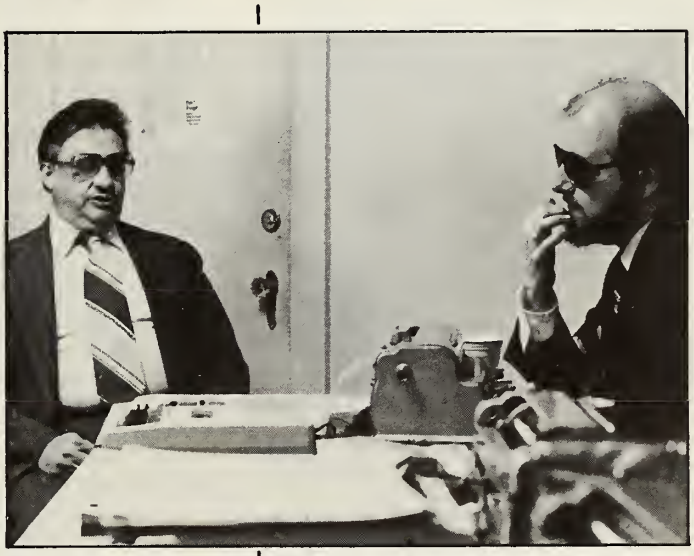
Unlimited Jobs

"It has an extreme potential as far as full-time jobs are concerned because graduates will be able to go to work anywhere in the United States," he said. "It also has a good potential for part-time jobs for homebound people who don't want to move from their communities. I'm talking about part-time work that might include Amway or Avon. There's a large number of blind people who are trying this already, but they don't have the skills to do it successfully.

Gephardt said he is aware of the problems a blind salesperson will face in a position that requires travel and paper work. An insurance salesman, for example, might have to specialize more than a sighted salesperson to be competitive, he said. The course is designed to teach the student how to work with a part-time reader, driver, or a secretary if it becomes necessary.



Left: AEB sales instructor Paul Doss lectures to the class. Below: Students Ray Speakman (left) and Ken Goodwin use a role-play situation for practice in selling.



Above: Trainees find themselves at ease in the informal classroom setting. Right: Student Artie Moore scans the directory while studying telephone sales.

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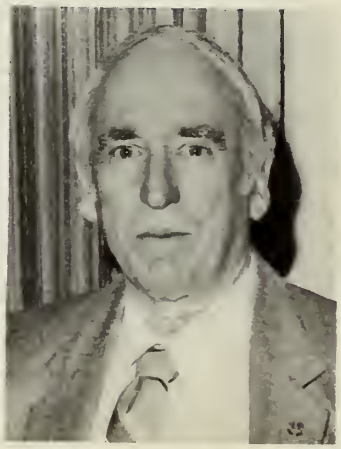
Mary Jane Blythe

AEB's Educational Services department has caught the fundraising fever and has not stopped searching for new outlets of raising money. Staff members most recently capitalized on St. Valentine's Day by taking orders from fellow staff to deliver carnations, complete with tissue papers and cards or poems, on Feb. 14. The department ordered 75 carnations at a wholesale price and quickly sold out the week before delivery. Organizers are already making plans to expand the project next year. Proceeds from all their fund-raising efforts help buy equipment for the training areas and help to send staff to professional meetings.

Charlene Ware

Jeannine Gregory, AEB's coordinator of volunteers, recently became the first person in Arkansas to earn certification as a manager of volunteers. The certification program is offered through the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Requirements include attendance at three one-week workshops that cover a wide variety of topics at the university and submission of an acceptable paper on volunteerism. Gregory, who has headed AEB's volunteer program since 1978, is now working on certification from the Association for Volunteer Administration. She currently serves on the advisory board of the Pulaski County Retired Senior Volunteer Program.



J. Hardin Jones joined the AEB staff in January to take over the duties of business administrator Bob Shepard, who retired. Jones, who resigned as second vice president of the AEB board after accepting the job, was owner of the Hot Springs Fixture Co., a food service and supply company. He and his wife plan to move to Little Rock after they sell their home in Hot Springs. They have one son who serves in the U.S. Navy. President of the Hot Springs Downtown Lions Club, Jones is a past district governor and past chairman of the state Sight Conservation Committee.

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Auction's Success Twofold

AEB's first television auction is history now, but the funds for AEB that the auction generated and the effects of the teamwork of AEB supporters that it demanded will keep on going for years.

Payment from high bidders was still being collected at press time, but the net profits already exceed $20,000. This money goes directly into AEB's operating budget. Lions, Lionesses, Leos and other AEB friends secured more than 400 items that were auctioned on KATV-7 between the hours of 10:30 p.m. June 15 and 3:15 a.m. June 16. The late hours didn't deter the viewing audience. In fact, telephones were still ringing constantly until the final minutes of the auction.

Milt Brummer of Hot Springs Village and Wes Smelley of Little Rock, co-chairmen of the auction, and their committee deserve most of the credit for the auction's success. It was through Brummer's efforts that the auction took place. He not only persuaded KATV to provide free air time and talent for the auction, but also started the ball rolling a year in advance to assure plenty of planning time. When Brummer underwent a triple by-pass heart surgery in January, Smelley stepped in to take charge until he had time to recuperate.

Throughout the year and until the final hours of the auction, Lions and Lionesses individually and collectively as clubs worked behind the scenes contacting friends and businesses in their communities to solicit merchandise for the auction. Their efforts brought in items valued from $25 to almost $9,000. Many of these same people made personal contributions to the auction.

In addition, on the evening of the auction, about 30 Lions, Lionesses, Leos and AEB employees worked throughout the night answering the bid calls, maintaining the bid boards, confirming purchases, setting up merchandise in the studio and serving refreshments to volunteers and the TV crew. Their dedication to AEB was evident in the teamwork displayed during the night.

Will this turn into an annual AEB fundraiser? That's a question lots of people are asking lately. The auction committee is planning to meet soon and review and assess this year's auction. They will be looking at some of the snags that arose this year, such as telephone lines that were so busy many callers couldn't get through, record keeping difficulties and distribution problems.

Whether or not the auction becomes an annual event, the auction on June 15 was profitable in terms of money and in terms of enlisting AEB supporters all over the state to work together for one goal. We'd love to publish a thank you list of all the people who pitched in to help, but we'd be afraid we might leave someone's name off the list. Instead, we offer one big THANKS to all of you.

Judy Williams, Editor

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On The Cover

We're displaying on our cover the presidential logo selected by Dr. James M. Fowler of Little Rock, newly elected president of Lions International. His theme for the year, "Join Hands in Service," is further explained in three major service programs for the year: drug awareness, diabetes elimination, and helping blind persons in vocational careers. These international projects are detailed on page 6 of this issue.

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Isenman Becomes AEB President

Albert W. Isenman, Jr., a member of AEB's board of directors for the past eight years, will lead the board as president for the 1983-84 year. He succeeds Milton Brummer of Hot Springs Village.

He and other new board officers were installed at the June 5 monthly board meeting at AEB. They include Gerald Carr of Russellville, first vice president; Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, second vice president; Walker Tucker of Little Rock, treasurer; and Joe Kipp of Hot Springs Village, secretary.

INSTALLING NEW LEADERSHIP — M. C. Lewis, Jr., Hot Springs (left), recently installed the new officers for the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. Serving in 1983-84 are (second from left) Al Isenman of Little Rock, president; Gerald Carr of Russellville, first vice-president; Doug Wilkinson of Jacksonville, second vice-president; Joe Kipp of Hot Springs Village, secretary; and Walker Tucker of Little Rock, treasurer. Milt Brummer of Hot Springs Village is the immediate past president.

Isenman, 64, who served as first vice president of the Board last year, is senior vice president of Atkins Insurance Corp. He is a 23-year member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club and a past president of the club.

A native of Hope, he moved to Little Rock when he was six months old. Isenman is a 1937 graduate of Little Rock Catholic High School and a 1939 graduate of Little Rock Junior College. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II. He and his wife, Betty, have three children. He is a member of the Christ the King Catholic Church.

Newly elected board members are Felix Ryals of Jefferson; Jim Gunter of Hope; Father Joel Robbins of Texarkana; Dr. W.H. Townsend of Little Rock; John Oberweis of Aurora, Ill.; Lloyd Walleen of Hot Springs Village; Thad Rowden of Fayetteville; Roy Whitten of Paragould; Vernon Brown of North Little Rock; and Stan Roach of Hot Springs.

Re-elected board members are Ed Weaver of Jackson, Tenn.; Harold Giraldo of Gretna, La.; Bill Melton of Dallas, Tex.; Arkansas Sen. David Pryor; Jess Odom of Maumelle; Robert Sakon of England; Edwin Daniel of Chamblee, Ga.; Charles Shelton of Little Rock; Don King of Stuttgart, and Lynn Pinkett of Newport.

Minor Changes For VDGD

AEB's end of the summer open house for district governors from surrounding states will be August 27 and 28, according to Herman West of Searcy, chairman of Visiting District Governors Day.

West said the major change from last year would be moving the Friday night activity for special guests from Hot Springs Village to Woody's in Sherwood. He explained that the HSV Lions and Lioness Clubs would be hosting an international board meeting in 1984.

The annual event usually attracts 300 or more guests to AEB from across the U.S. West said this year's turnout would be about the same.

The Executive Inn in Little Rock will again be the center for the visitors. AEB will host tours on its campus and a dinner Saturday evening. The International Services for the Blind will host a breakfast Sunday morning.

Visiting District Governors Day began in 1960 as a way of informing district governors about the services the rehabilitation center provides residents of their state and district. The annual event has grown to be one of the largest gatherings of Lions leadership outside an international convention or forum.

One result of VDGD has been an increase in financial support from out-of-state Lions. This year more than $70,767 has been contributed to AEB by out-of-state Lions.

West points out that one significant benefit of the activity is that individual Lions pay a great deal of the cost of having VDGD through donations of up to $200. Various clubs also support the program with contributions directly to VDGD funds.

Got Any News?

If you have any items or ideas for future articles, please let us know. We also welcome comments about the AEB program or articles which have been in past issues of **New Life.** Please call Jim Davis or Judy Williams at 664-7100, or write us at 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, Ark. 72204.

Alumni News

Robbie Jean (Gray) Dahlman (1961) visited AEB recently while on vacation. She is a rehabilitation teacher for the state Bureau for the Blind in Springfield, Mo.

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Ernest Hagen (1978) has been nominated by the Wyoming Council of the Arts to be included in a publication on careers in the arts that is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the President's Committee on Employment for the Handicapped. The publication, to be produced by the New York School of Visual Arts, will feature only 20 professional artists and art administrators. It is designed to make the public more aware of the valuable contributions that disabled people are making to the arts. Hagen lives in Casper, Wyo.

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The late **Susan Dunn** (1978) is being honored by a memorial project of the Theatre Patrons Group at the University of Maryland. The project, to make productions richer and fuller for blind and visually impaired persons, involves the installation of wireless earphones for the broadcast of audio descriptions of scenery, costumes and actions for the visually impaired audience. Dunn is a former student, writer and performer at the university. Contributions for the project should be sent to the Theatre Patrons Association, Tawes Theatre, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 20742.

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Russ Hendrie (1982) is working as a data processing consultant for OIC of Muskegon, a non-profit assessment and training organization. Hendrie lives at 2123 Monte, Muskegon, Mich. 49444.

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Lucy Manzano (1982) writes that she is continuing her law studies and is teaching English. Her address is Calle 45 C#1E, 48 Barrio Salomia, Cali, Colombia Suramerica.

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Luther Honeycutt (1982) recently renewed his subscription to NEW LIFE, and wrote that he is thankful for the help he received from AEB. He is now working as a taxpayer representative in Houston, Texas. "When the chips were down, AEB was there," he said. His new address is 9014 Amblewood Drive, Houston, TX 77099.

Memorial Contribution Form

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Pam Brower

Therapist Joins Staff

Pam Brower, 24, has joined the AEB staff as a recreational therapist. This summer she will work with Elise Diesel, AEB's recreational director, and then she will take over the position in September when Diesel retires.

Brower came to Little Rock over a year ago from Holland, Mich., to work as a recreational consultant for Development Disabilities Services, a branch of the state Department of Human Services. She has a bachelor of arts degree in therapeutic recreation from Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant.

Pam is single and lives in Little Rock.

23 Taking College Prep

A total of 23 students are enrolled this summer in AEB's nine-week College Preparatory program which began on June 13. They represent six different states: Arkansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Louisiana, Connecticut and Texas, and three of the students are from Nigeria. The program helps to prepare blind and visually impaired persons for college entry.

Recalls AEB's First Year

Early Employee Returns To AEB

One of AEB's first instructors has returned to work at the center this summer after having been gone for 35 years.

Helen Vargo came back to work for AEB during the summer months as a counselor to the College Preparatory students. She initially worked at AEB as a personal adjustment instructor in 1947, the first year the center opened. She has spent the last 25 years employed as a counselor for the state operated Kansas Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Topeka. She retired last fall and is now living in Conway.

Some things have changed dramatically and other things have remained the same since Miss Vargo first came to AEB. She was employed at the time as a state case worker for the blind by the Welfare Department on special assignment to work at the AEB Rehabilitation Center for a year.

COUNSELING SESSION — Helen Vargo, a counselor who has worked with visually impaired people for almost 40 years, returned to work at AEB this summer as a counselor to the College Prep students. She is talking here with Beau Donaho, a College Prep student from Moore, Okla.

"The thing that I've been impressed with since I've been back is that the philosophy of the center is still the same, the problems are still the same and the goals are still the same," Helen explained in an interview a few weeks after she arrived. "The center is still helping blind people acquire some compensatory skills that will help them feel better about themselves."

The areas that have changed dramatically, she pointed out, include the advanced technology that the center is now able to use, the expansion of the facilities, the refined "know-how" of the staff and the public awareness in the community concerning the capabilities of blind people. "It's all pretty dazzlin when you think about it," she said.

During her year at the center Miss Vargo, who is blind herself, said she didn't teach a specialty skill, but taught all adaptive skills that a blind person learns at a rehabilitation center. There were only three instructors at the time — Helen, a mobility instructor, and a housemother. "Whoever knew something that a trainee needed, that's how we taught," she said. All three wore several hats, she recalled, including the housemother.

"If the cook was ill, we all cooked and washed dishes."

All the training was in the old Brack mansion home, the original training site of the center. There were usually three to 10 trainees on campus at one time. The office that administered the vending stand program was located in downtown Little Rock at the time, and the center was located in what was considered the country then.

"It was a very romantic atmosphere," Helen remembered. "We were all growing together and beginning together. We had the large house and carriage facility, the long driveways and lily pond. The rose arbor was so pretty in the spring."

Roy Kumpe, the founder of AEB, directed both the vending stand operation and the center. "He was in and out all the time and had his finger in everything," reminisced Miss Vargo, who believes that it was Kumpe who was instrumental in her becoming one of the two first case workers for the blind in Arkansas in 1945. The funding for these two positions was made available by a legislative act that same year.

After Helen worked a year at AEB, the Welfare Department transferred her to the Fort Smith area. Miss Vargo, who describes herself as a "people person," left the department to work on and later complete a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. From there she went to work as a counselor in Topeka.

Helen, who still hopes to work part time, said she decided to retire from the Topeka center after she woke up one morning and dreaded to go to work. "I told myself that if this persists, I couldn't be a good worker. I wanted to leave while I was still doing a good job," she said.

It was the first time in 25 years as a counselor that Helen had experienced job burnout. So she decided to take early retirement. In all the years that she had counseled

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New International President

Lion Fowler Assumes Office

Dr. James M. Fowler

Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler of Little Rock was elected the 67th president of Lions International during the association's convention in Hawaii in June.

He succeeds Everett J. Grindstaff of Ballinger, Texas. Fowler becomes the second Arkansas Lion to serve as president. Edward G. Barry, Sr., of Little Rock was international president in 1957-58.

A 100 percent district governor in 1971-72, Fowler served as an international director in 1974-76. He has been president of AEB and chaired its Visiting District Governors Day committee for several years.

He is a member and past president of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club.

Fowler has received seven International President's awards, the Extension award, a Master Key, and the Ambassador of Good Will award.

In private life he is a dentist and businessman, a former state senator and a retired army officer. Fowler, who is a pilot, and his wife, Aggie, fly to most U.S. Lions meetings in their private plane.

Announces Three Service Objectives

Newly elected Lions International President James M. Fowler of Little Rock, a long time AEB board member, has announced three international service objectives that he hopes to accomplish during his term as president. He outlined these in June during his acceptance speech at the international Lions convention in Hawaii.

His three objectives are the backbone of his theme for the year, "Join Hands in Service."

They include:

• Promoting Drug Awareness — This plan basically involves directing the association's efforts at prevention and education. Each district will be asked to appoint a drug awareness chairman to help establish programs on the club, district and multiple district levels. Lions Clubs will be asked to address drug awareness problems in their local and national contexts and use community resources where available and existing programs when applicable. Dr. Fowler is asking each Lion to educate himself with the drug situation and its impact in his own community.

• Eliminating Diabetes — Dr. Fowler is concerned about diabetes because it is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in industrialized nations. In addition, 80 percent of all new cases of non-insulin dependent diabetes could have been prevented. Education, early detection screening and research are all vital if we are to reverse the increasing frequency with which diabetes strikes, Fowler asserts. He urges clubs to take an active role, through cooperation with medical and diabetes organizations, in providing screening and detection projects. Lions can inform the public about the importance of proper diet and exercise, stressing how everyone can take steps to minimize the risk of developing this disease.

Dr. Fowler suggests that an ideal way of generating funds needed for researching the disease is through the annual Lions Journey for Sight held in April. He urges that a portion of clubs' funds to the Lions International Foundation be designated for diabetes research and local sight activities such as diabetes detection and screening.

• Helping the Blind Through Training and Increased Employment Opportunities — Dr. Fowler enlists Lions to join him in assuring that opportunities are available for the visually impaired to fully realize their potential to become contributing citizens. He asks Lions to inform the public and business community abut the employability of the visually impaired, perhaps through a public education program. He points out that blind persons have proved to be highly dependable employees, with a better absenteeism record than sighted co-workers and a job turnover rate that is less than one-half of that of sighted employees. Even so, it is estimated that only 30 percent of the working age blind are employed in positions commensurate with their abilities, and 75 percent of blind adults are either unemployed or under-employed.

Fowler also urges clubs to become involved in providing recreational opportunities for the blind, such as bowling, track, swimming and skiing to help them gain confidence and add to their quality of life.

"The visually impaired need a hand, not a hand out," he told Lions at the Hawaii convention. "We Lions, because of our traditional participation in sight programs, should see it as our responsibility to extend this hand."

DR. JAMES M."JIM" FOWLER (top left) — A district governor in 1971-72 with (from left) Burk Dabney, Wilson C. Hansard and Charles H. Eddy . . . (lower left) Promoting the 1974 Million Dollar Campaign for AEB within the Founders Lions Club with the assistance of Al Isenman . . . (top right) As a Lions International Director touring then Lions International President Harry Aslan during the 1975 Visiting District Governors Day . . . (lower right) A 1981 meeting with Leonard Ellis of North Carolina who later entered AEB as a trainee and is currently enrolled in the Taxpayer Service Representative training.

'THE LION'S SHARE'

About the Author

Roy Kumpe began writing "The Lion's Share" in the early 1930's. It wasn't until after his retirement in 1978, however, that he began putting the book on paper. In between the two dates he experienced "The Lions Share" firsthand.

AEB founder Roy Kumpe was visually impaired as a child in 1918 from tracoma, a virus infection that causes cornea scarring. His professional career in the field of blindness may have started when Dr. Guy Smith, president of the Alumni Association of the Arkansas School for the Blind, asked him to serve as chairman of the legislative committee for the school's Alumni Association. Kumpe was attending night law school at the time.

He earned his attorney's license in 1938, but a Congressional act two years earlier led Kumpe away from his cherished legal career and into full time work for the blind. In 1936 Congress had passed the Randolph-Sheppard Act, an act that made it possible for blind people to become employed in a vending stand business. Kumpe, as chairman of the legislative committee, followed developments and knew the potential that the measure held for the blind.

In the spring of 1939, Kumpe became the supervisor for the rehabilitation for the blind, a part of the state Welfare Department. He was the first full-time employee for the blind in Arkansas.

As Kumpe worked with the program establishing vending stands in Arkansas, he became more involved in it and was thoroughly convinced that, given the opportunity, many blind people could support themselves and their families. The job he took for six months began to lengthen into years.

During this time he saw the many areas of service that the blind needed. Always one to do his share, Kumpe accepted every challenge to help the blind improve their quality of life. In 1944 he promoted a bill in the Arkansas legislature to fund home teachers for the blind.

Observing the vending stand program led Kumpe to begin efforts to organize a pre-vocational adjustment center for the blind, a necessary step he believed, before the blind could compete for jobs.

His efforts bore fruit on March 2, 1947, when the AEB Rehabilitation Center admitted two trainees.

". . . our victories didn't come easy. For everything we have today, we paid a price."

Since that time Kumpe and AEB, and in many cases the Lions, have become synonymous with work for the blind. His professional work has earned him honors, awards, recognition and praise from around the world. In 1970 the American Foundation of the Blind awarded him the Migel Medal.

Kumpe's career has been highlighted with public service. He served five years, 1945-1948, on the Little Rock City Council. He became a member of the Little Rock Planning Commission in 1943 and served until 1955. He was the first chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, 1947-48, and has been a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped since 1949.

The Arkansas Democrat readers selected him "Little Rockian of the Year" in 1969, and in 1967 Little Rock Junior College named him "Alumnus of the Year." That same year the Little Rock Jaycees designated Kumpe "Boss of the Year" and in 1973 the University of Arkansas named him a recipient of an honorary doctorate of law degree.

From the American Association of Workers for the Blind he received the Shotwell Award in 1975. Dialogue magazine gave Kumpe its Founders Award in 1976. That same year the American Council of the Blind presented Kumpe the Ambassador of Goodwill Award.

As a Lion, Kumpe has earned many honors. He was elected a district governor in 1967, served as charter president of the Park Plaza Lions Club, received the Lions International Ambassador of Goodwill, five Lions International Presidential Awards plus the Lions International Humanitarian Award.

Perhaps Feb. 5, 1978, was Kumpe's most honored day. A retirement banquet attended by friends from across Arkansas and the nation was held. Governor David Pryor proclaimed it "Roy Kumpe Day" statewide and Lions International president Joseph McLoughlin gave Kumpe a

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Kumpe (right) receives the President's Citation from the late Dr. Bob McCullough, 1971 Lions International president.

Kumpe Book Available in September

"The Lion's Share," a book lived by Roy Kumpe for more than 40 years and written by him since his retirement, will be available after Sept. 18.

Since retiring as AEB's executive director in 1978, Kumpe has been working on the book, a combination autobiography and history of rehabilitation services for the blind in Arkansas, including the Lions Clubs' work. The final writing began in 1982 when AEB's board of directors hired Jim Lester of Little Rock to assist Kumpe.

When the manuscript was completed, efforts were started to find a publisher. Rose Publishing Company of Little Rock, a firm headed by Walter Nunn that has numerous outstanding Arkansas-related books to its credit, was the successful bidder.

The final obstacle was finding financial support to pay the publisher's cost. A history committee, headed by Lion Jess Odom, selected a plan of raising $20,000 by selling 200 special edition books at a cost of $100 each.

Funds raised by selling the special edition will pay for printing 2,000 regular editions. All proceeds from sale of these books will go 100 percent to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Nunn said the book should be ready sometime after August 15. The release date will be delayed until Sept. 18 in order to plan an author's autograph party.

Marketing the book will be under the direction of the history committee through AEB's development and community relations office. Jim Davis, development director, said efforts will be made to sell books to Arkansas Lions, Lions clubs, local libraries, visitors to AEB and selected book stores. Cost of the book will be $9.95.

Davis said pre-publication forms are being prepared for distribution prior to Sept. 18. "Books are available to order for $9.95, plus $1.50 for postage and handling. Books purchased now will be mailed on Sept. 19," he added.

Counselor Rates Staff Concern A '10'

(Editor's note — Two state rehabilitation workers from Oklahoma were in training during the week of May 16 on a one-week Kumpe Fellowship scholarship. They were Glenda Farnum, a rehabilitation teacher who works in western Oklahoma, and Patricia McGehee, a counselor from Oklahoma City. Patricia, new to the blindness field, kept a daily journal while at AEB to record her experiences, and she agreed to share it with NEW LIFE. We'd like to publish parts of it to give readers an outsider's perspective of AEB. We took photographs of both of them while they were here. Unfortunately, the photographs were of poor quality and we weren't able to use them with this article.)

Monday (May 16): The staff attitude has impressed me deeply. When told that a graduated trainee had been placed, all rejoiced. They had all taken part in that person's adjustment and training and the end result was gratifying to each and every one.

AEB has coordinated the services so well. Even the shift changes are a smooth transition. They work toward a common goal — the optimum adjustment for the trainee — and it shows.

Tuesday (May 17): Today I learned to sew on a button and thread a needle without vision. What I felt inside the frustration and impatience with myself, could only be less than half a drop of rain into the sea compared to what a blind person feels, for I knew that the blindfold would come off. I must remember, my clients wear them forever.

I had an anxiety attack today! In mobility my vision was occluded, and I learned techniques for sighted guide travel. I **felt** walls and doors looming before me. Stairways are my special fear, and without vision the fears were intensified. I was taught the railing would warn me when the steps ended, and it did and my guide did, but my mind would not let go of a yearning chasm just under a lifted foot. So my foot continued sliding across the floor feeling for the drop off. It took several minutes for my heart to subside following the mobility lesson. Be still my heart. Soon the glasses will come off.

I continue to see concern from the instructors for the trainees, and it's evident that the concern is not superficial. Some have spent after hours writing instructional manuals, others have formed companies to solve transportation problems, all for the disabled client.

Particular cases worry or hound the professional until the eight hours a day spent at the facility are actually a drop in the bucket compared to the time actually spent on trying to understand the inner workings of the client and how best to help them help themselves.

Wednesday (May 18): Business as usual. A group from a rehabilitation center in Iowa toured AEB. Classes went on as scheduled with breaks only long enough for explanation to the visitors. It caused very little disruption.

My time is almost over. Now, I think of what I would have liked to have done. It would have been interesting to follow one specific trainee, preferably my own client, throughout a day's events.

Being in mobility has helped immensely. I had the opportunity to practice tonight on Billie (a blind staff member). The signals worked! Now, I can't wait to get hold of a certain person back home. I'm not sure she knows the signals because her mobility skills are so poor. But if I'm going to guide, she's going to start learning.

Thursday (May 19) The admissions committee for Taxpayer Service Representative was this morning. I am pleased to know committees such as these are set up for each training program.

I met with two clients and observed one in mobility. I would like to observe a first lesson with a new trainee that does not have good mobility skills outside.

It was rewarding to share the enthusiasm of the TSR candidates after they learned the results of the admissions committee. They were still hyped up at bedtime.

My overall impression of AEB, staff and their concern for the clients is excellent. On a scale of 1 to 10, they surely would rate 10.

Send me an application for Roy Kumpe Fellowship

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Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Fellowships provide transportation, room and board and tuition at AEB for one week of observation/training to qualified applicants who are professional rehabilitation workers.)

Memorials

(Editor's note) Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

L. E. "Gene" Hubbs *by Dr. B. W. DuKett and Mildred McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Mrs. Etna Shook *by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hayes*
Susie Mae Moseley *by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman*
Harry Allen Shipe *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Mrs. Sultana McNeil *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Ruby C. Rowan *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Mrs. Alto Axum Dew *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Clint P. Butler *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Dorothy M. Abbott *Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Charlotte B. Jaynes *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Audrey "Mickey" Brown *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Raymond Ludden *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr., Lila Lampkin*
Archie Dumas and Virgil Dumas *by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.*
Fannie Rinkle Powell *by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard*
Mrs. E. R. (Dorothy) Burns *by Bob and Pat Burns*
Gertrude Sitzler *by Doris Thompson, Keith and Jimmie Glenn, Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. "Jim" Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, Robertine McCaffrey*
Elizabeth Caudle *by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles*
Jim M. Parker *by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles*
David Puryear *by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles*
Mrs. Robert Higginbotham *by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles*
Mrs. Marion Boe *by Jimmy Williams*
Ellis Earl Steed *by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard*
Helen Potter *by Fountain Lake Lioness Club*
Faith Howell *by Dr. and Mrs. Russell E. Myers*
Vivian McNulty *by W. H. Kirby*
Dr. Bob McCullough *by Pryor Lions Club, Murray, Jones, Murray, Inc., Mrs. Virginia C. Kramer*
Mrs. Carl Williams *by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pace*
Paul Van Dalsem *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe*
John T. Brittain *by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe*
Richard M. Alford *by Harris Owen*
Infant Deese *by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
W. M. Jackson *by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
Mrs. Nellie Hays *by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell*
Bernadine Wensmann *by Hubert C. Wensmann*
E. M. Clem *by Gloria McConnell, Booneville Lions Club*
Mae Cannon *by Howard and Doris Hinman*
E. R. "Butch" Bouchard *by Howard and Doris Hinman*
Alice Keeley *by Ruth Ingram, O. W. "Pete" Long, Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutstein, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Curry, Mrs. J. Newbell and Elizabeth, American Legion Auxiliary: Hearin-Connolly Unit 32, Pine Bluff Eve. Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Huggins*
Opal Williams *by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkinson*
I. T. Urrey *by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Silliman*
Carolyn Boswell *by Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney*
Howard J. Knipping *by Mary and Henry*

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Early Employee Returns

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with blind and visually impaired clients, however, she never became weary of hearing their problems and concerns.

"It was always exciting and very rewarding to me each time when a newly blinded person first discovered that he has a lot of inner strength, that his resourcefulness was still there and that he could use it again. It was gratifying to see this person recognize himself as a total human being, as one who could still function and contribute," she commented.

To get her mind off her work and for personal enrichment, Miss Vargo served on various committees and boards that helped her avoid burnout. She was active in the Topeka Association of Visually Impaired and the city/county Handicapped Advisory Committee and did volunteer work for the Topeka State Hospital. She served a total of 10 years as national secretary and chairperson of the Board of Publications for the American Council of the Blind. Last year Helen was given the "Extra Step Award" by the Kansas Association for the Blind to recognize her work in the profession.

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special president's award for service.

Since retiring Kumpe has continued his work on behalf of the blind, but now he describes himself as a volunteer. The publication of "The Lions Share" is an achievement Kumpe has worked for since retiring. He wanted to share the trials and tribulations, the rewards and awards, the facts versus clouded issues surrounding services to the blind with the newer generations coming on the scene. "I didn't want so much to record my personal accomplishments but I wanted today's leaders in the field of blindness and in the Lions to know that our victories didn't come easy. For everything we have today, we paid a price. Hopefully, when this is realized, they won't let any of the victories be lost through apathy."

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Ray M. Knox by Margie and Alvin Reap
Albert Kehnast by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodrum
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Lou Cash by Lonoke Lioness Club
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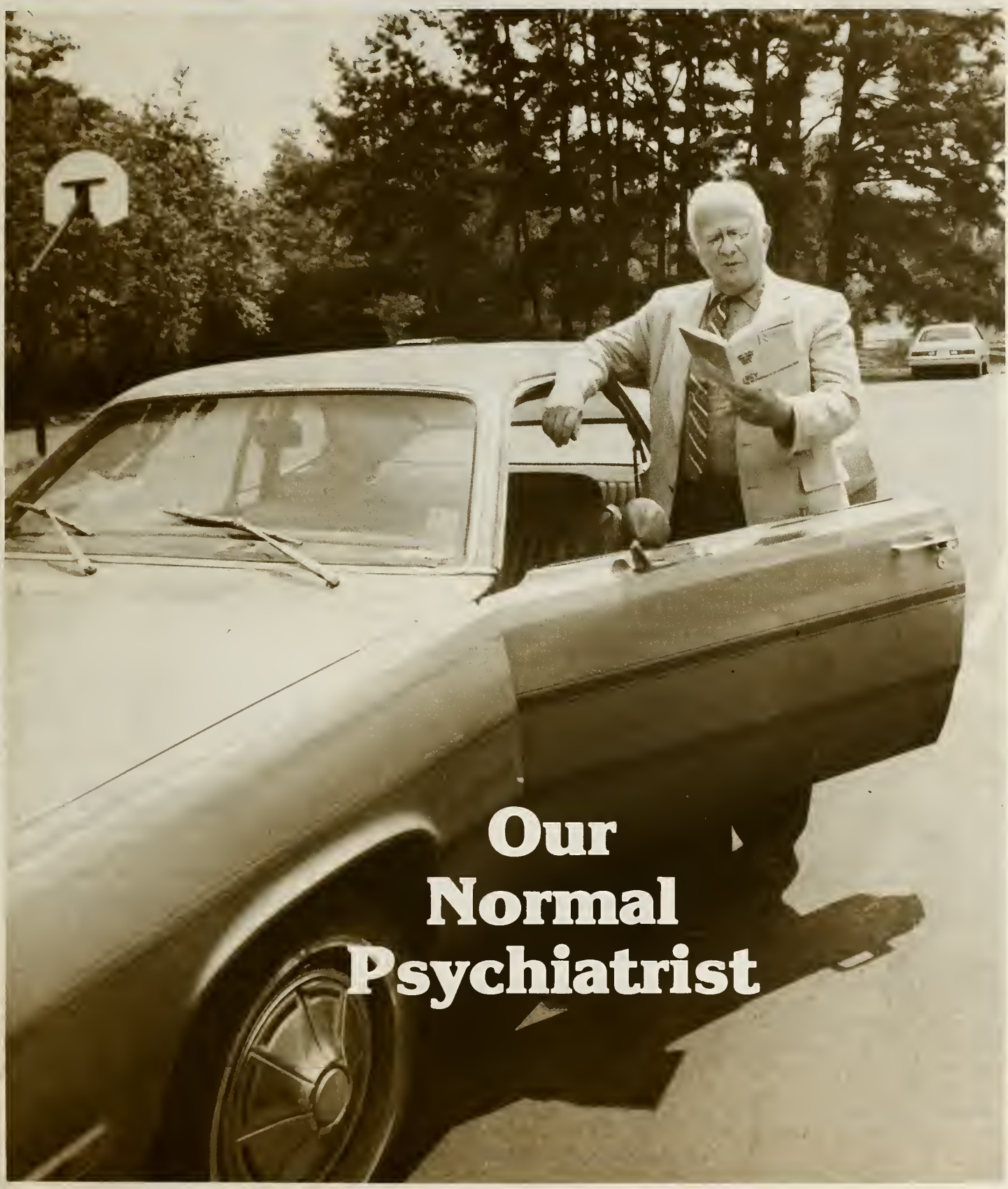

Our Normal Psychiatrist

5,000th TRAINEE — AEB reached a major milestone on Aug. 11 with the graduation of trainee Yvette Pourciau of Lavonia, La., the center's 5,000th graduate. Yvette, who was a College Preparatory student this summer, and Dr. James M. Fowler, Lions International president and a member of AEB's board, change the figures on the training statistics board in the Administration Building. AEB opened its doors as a rehabilitation center on March 2, 1947.

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On The Cover

Working on some articles for New Life *is just downright fun, especially when they're profile stories and the person in the interview chair is Dr. Payton Kolb, an interesting role switch. Dr. Kolb, AEB's consulting psychiatrist, is known center-wide for his "Reader's Digest" jokes and his 1974 gold Duster. You'll enjoy reading about him on Pages 6 and 7.*

Your letters

Dear Editor,

At a recent meeting of the Bentonville-Bella Vista Lions Club, W. Gleason Smith, secretary-treasurer, announced that during our Lions fiscal 1982-83 year our club of 92 members gave to AEB and EKB monies totaling $8,177, or $88.88 per member. We challenge any club in the state to top that total gift, and with a new current membership of 104 we intend to do that ourselves.

Marshall Sayner
Bella Vista, Ark.

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful hospitality shown us on our visit on July 27. We and our friends marvelled at the amount of equipment and the host of things being done by the blind.

Particularly we would like to commend Billie Elder for her excellent explanation of all the different departments and what can be done for the visually handicapped. She has a wonderful sense of humor and knows her way around.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Boek
Horseshoe Bend Lions

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15 Clubs Earn Sight Conservation Awards

The annual Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee sight conservation awards for 1982-83 were announced on July 31 at the Sight Conservation Forum and President's Day at AEB.

Don King, 1982-83 Arkansas Lions sight conservation chairman, presented awards to three clubs in each district for their sight conservation work during the year:

District L — Hot Springs, first; Hot Springs Village Breakfast, second; and South Hot Springs, third.

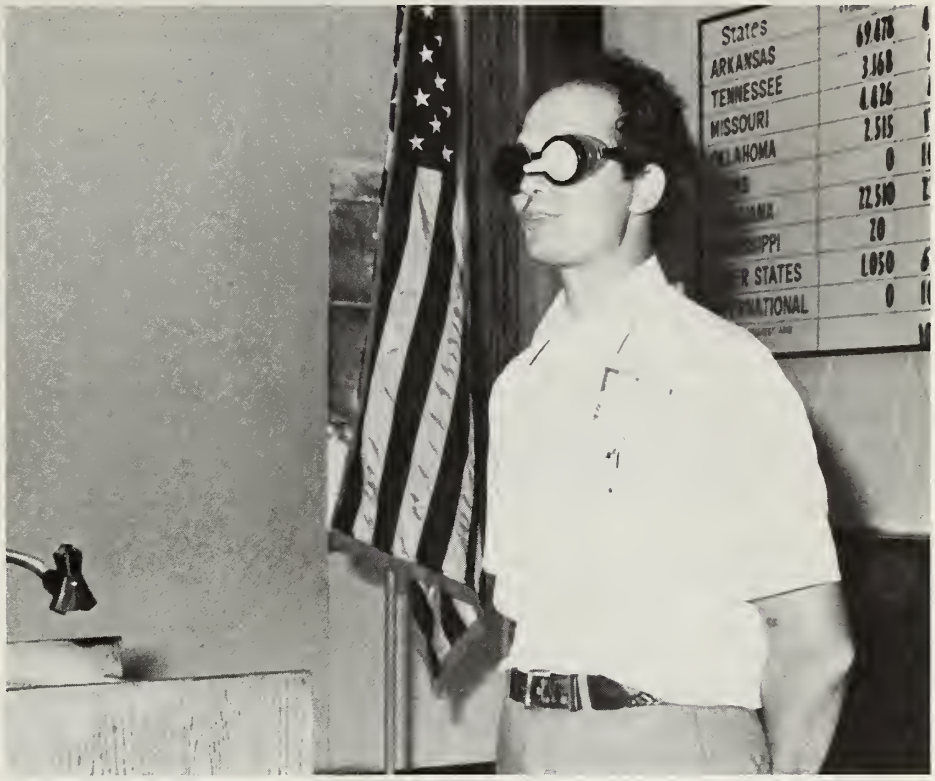
District I — Bentonville-Bella Vista, first; Berryville, second; and Springdale Centennial, third.

District O — Lepanto, first; Batesville, second; Highland, third.

District N — Forrest City, first; Beebe, second; Quitman, third.

District S — White Hall, first; Pine Bluff Evening, second; and Conway, third.

Two of the clubs that received awards were sight conservation award winners last year, Hot Springs and Bentonville-Bella Vista.



TUNNEL VISION — Ervin Boehn, a member of the Hot Springs Lions Club, was one of two volunteers at the Sight Conservation Forum/President's Day on July 31 at AEB who wore occluders to learn first-hand the limitations of visual impairmen. Boehn's occluders simulated tunnel vision, and the other volunteer, Vernon Brown of the North Little Rock Lions Club, wore occluders to simulate total visual loss. During the final program of the day, both men told the other Lions and Lionesses in attendance about their experiences under the blindfold. This was the first time Lions volunteers wore occluders for the entire day of an AEB program.

NAC Meeting Set

The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC) will hold its 1983 annual meetings at the Holiday Inn Surfside at Daytona Beach, Fla., over the weekend of Nov. 5 and 6.

The agenda will include a corporate membership meeting on Saturday in which voting members will elect new members to the board of directors. They will also elect a new council president to replace outgoing President Otis H. Stephens of Knoxville, Tenn. On Sunday, the board of directors will meet.

Reception For Luddens

A reception to honor the Rev. and Mrs. Richard T. Ludden for their 50th wedding anniversary will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. It will be held at Oak Forest United Methodist Church, Fair Park Boulevard at 25th Street, in Little Rock.

Rev. Ludden is a former AEB trainee and a retired staff member. The Luddens' anniversary date is Sept. 19.

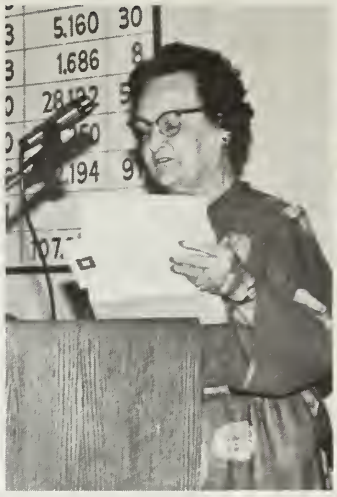
South Dakotans Honor Hanson

Howard H. Hanson, former executive director of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, was honored in July at a special "Homecoming" banquet held in Sioux Falls, S.D. The festive occasion was the first of its kind to be held by a state to recognize outstanding individuals who were either born or educated in the state.

More than 900 people attended the banquet that honored the 78 persons who were able to be present to receive a special certificate from Gov. William Janklow for their work which brought national and international attention to South Dakota.

Hanson was born and educated in South Dakota where he headed the Service to the Visually Impaired for 25 years prior to accepting the executive director position with AEB in 1978. He was honored at the homecoming for his leadership on the local, state, national and international level, having served many organizations as president.

Hanson was one of five delegates representing North America to the World Council on the Welfare of the Blind in New Delhi, India, in 1969, and was the chairman of the first section devoted to blindness at the 12th World Congress of Rehabilitation International in Sydney, Australia, in 1972.



GETTING THE WORD OUT — Lions International President Dr. James Fowler (left) leads a host of people who talked about AEB over the Visiting District Governor's Day weekend, Aug. 26 and 27. Among the other speakers at the 23rd annual event were (from left) Sai Kim Beh, a trainee from Malaysia; Ada Morton, chairman of the trust fund for the Trebing Memorial Home for Blind Women, who announces a $10,000 gift from the trust fund to AEB; and Leonard Ellis, a trainee from Lexington, N. C., who tells of his experiences at AEB.

Governor's Day '83

DEMONSTRATION — Trainee Jeff Tackett shows Governor's Day visitors the uses of VersaBraille, an electronic, paperless braille writer. The device is only one of a number of electronic aids available for blind people that were being demonstrated by trainees. Nineteen groups took tours of AEB on Saturday afternoon, the highlight of the governors' program.

GOVERNOR'S DAY AWARD — Harold Giraldo of Gretna, La., (right) receives the 1983 Governor's Day Award on behalf of District 8-S in Louisiana. Each year AEB gives this award honoring a sub-district or club that has provided a link between their community and AEB. Making the presentation are AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell (center) and AEB President Albert Isenman.

Alumni News

Noel Runyan (1968) is working as an application engineer with Telesensory Systems, Inc. A former College Prep student, he is living in Mt. View, Calif.

Peggy Estelle Camplain (1970) and her husband, Brady, gave birth this summer to a son, Aaron Brady. The Camplains live in Crossett where Peggy worked for 10 years at the First National Bank as a switchboard operator until the baby came.

Albert Contreras (1973) of Rosemead, Calif., is working in the motor vehicle bureau for the state of California. After graduating from AEB's Community Service Advisior course, Contreras worked for three years as an information specialist for Social Security in Los Angeles.

Mildred Bradford (1974) has recently moved. Her new address is Ashflat Convalescent Center, Ash Flat, Ark. 72513.

Stuart Russell (1975) of Seattle, Wash., a graduate of AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative course, is employed as a TSR in Seattle, Wash.

Tony Rock (1979) , another graduate of the TSR program, has moved up the ladder at the IRS office in Pittsburgh, Pa., from the TSR position to the Office Collections Representative position. He and his wife, Diana, have a daughter, Melissa Rose, who was born Sept. 6, 1982.

Ralph Morris (1980) of Pine Bluff was the subject recently of a feature article in the Pine Bluff Commercial newspaper. The article concentrated on four to 12-mile walking excursions that Morris, 78, takes every day for exercise.

Richard Cook (1981), a graduate of the Computer Programmer course, was married earlier this summer to Wendy Fasting. Cook is employed as a programmer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Little Rock.

Pamela F. Rotman (1982), a graduate of the TSR course, has recently been promoted to a TSR GS-5 position in Houston, Tex. She is using a VersaBraille for taking and organizing notes for the job. She sends her address as 4227 San Felipe #25, Houston, Tex. 77027

Betty Stewart (1982) had a ribbon cutting ceremony in June for the grand opening of her new business, Betty's Arts and Crafts, in West Memphis. Among the well-wishers on hand for the event were State Sen. Kent Ingram and employees for the state office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Christmas Bonus

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Our 'Normal' Psychiatrist

Every Thursday morning about 9:30 a.m. a 1974 gold Duster pulls into the AEB staff parking lot. The car, several years ago a popular economy model that is now on Plymouth's extinct list, looks a little out of place among the newer, small subcompacts that dominate the lot. That is, to visitors or newcomers to the center.

The regulars who park there have blended the old car into their image of its driver, Dr. Payton Kolb, AEB's consulting psychiatrist for the past 29 years. It meshes with the pink shirt the doctor sometimes wears, bragging that he got it on sale at the discount store. And the corny jokes he's always telling — Reader's Digest jokes he calls them, the kind that evoke more groans than laughs.

Dr. Kolb teases about Thursdays being his day off. But the AEB staff who work closely with him knows better. As a practicing psychiatrist in Little Rock, he merely has a change of routine on Thursday. He moves from his office at Baptist Medical Towers to a small room in the counseling department at AEB for four hours of consultation with trainees and staff.

He's been doing this since 1954, first volunteering his time on Saturdays mornings to see a few trainees in the early days of the rehabilitation center. AEB Founder Roy Kumpe knew and admired Kolb's father, Dr. A. C. Kolb, and eventually began to hear good things about the son who was following in his father's career footsteps.

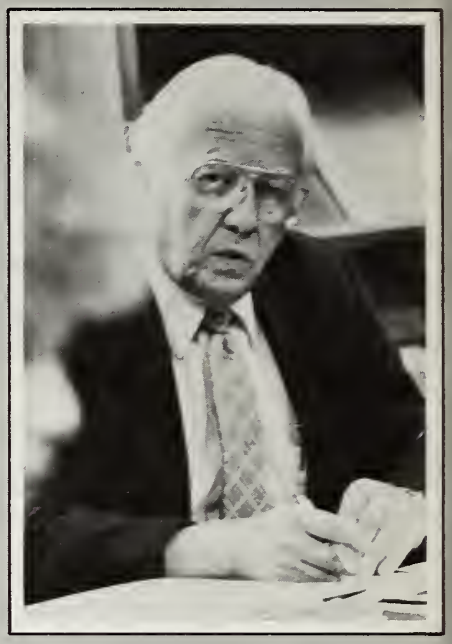
After becoming frustrated with the difficulty of trying to find a doctor in town who would be willing to treat trainees who needed psychiatric help, Kumpe approached the younger Kolb to work as a consultant for the center. At the time, Dr. Kolb was employed as the clinical director for Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock and could manage free time only on Saturdays. When he went into private practice in 1956, he was able to squeeze it into his Thursday schedule to join the AEB staff on a consulting basis.

The pink shirt and economy car and bad jokes may suggest that Kolb fits the stereotypic role of the weird psychiatrist, but observers and friends can just as readily point to all the sane, everyday qualities the doctor possesses.

"I always tell people he's the most normal psychiatrist I've ever met," says Roy Kumpe, who believes that AEB was lucky to latch onto Dr. Kolb and likes to take some of the credit for that. Working alongside Dr. Kolb for a 24-year stretch while he was executive director of AEB, Kumpe knows that his "normal" description of Kolb tickles the doctor. He backs up the statement, however, by enumerating some of Dr. Kolb's interests and involvements. For starters, he is a deacon and sings in the choir at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist church, Kumpe points out, emphasizing the Southern Baptist. Kolb is interested in politics and civic work, as evidenced by his duties with the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce on a committee to study the city's school system and his role in the late 60's and early 70's as secretary of the Arkansas State Board of Correction. He recently ran an unsuccessful campaign to get elected to the American Medical Association's Council on Constitution and By-Laws.

Furthermore, he's a grandpa who enjoys bragging about his little red-headed granddaughter. His hobbies include music, photography and being an enthusiastic fan of the Baylor Golden Bears, his alma mater. Kolb's wife, Margaret, is equally active in church, political and civic work.

His lengthy list of accomplishments in the medical field both on a state and national level probably has him listed in "Who's Who" books all over the country. He's on the active staff of both St. Vincent Infirmary and Baptist Medical Center,



Dr. Payton Kolb

having served as chief of general medical staff at Baptist from 1980-81. He's a member of the AMA's Organization of State Medical Association Presidents, a council member of the AMA and a board member of its Ark-PAC (Political Action Committee), a charter member of the Arkansas Psychiatric Society and legislative representative to the American Psychiatric Association. Those only dent the surface of his involvements.

Kumpe is proud to add to Kolb's list of accomplishements the fact that he has worked with more blind and visually impaired people than any other psychiatrist in the country and probably the world. Over the years, Dr. Kolb has made numerous presentations before professionals in the field of blindness.

"Blind people have a lot of problems that are very similar to the problems sighted people have, and there's not a whole lot of difference in working with a blind person or a sighted person," is the doctor's philosophy about working with blind people.

"There are some unique situations with the adventitiously blind

(blinded sometime after birth) person," he explains. "For example, an adventitiously blind person has to readjust his home life situation. And we have found, of course, that there is a normal (if you want to call it normal) depression that goes with adventitious blindness."

On the other hand, the congenitally blind person often has different problems, ones that are often attributed to an over-protection on the part of the family, Dr. Kolb adds. This might also be related to living 10 or 12 years in a dormitory setting and then the sudden emergence into the sighted society, he explains.

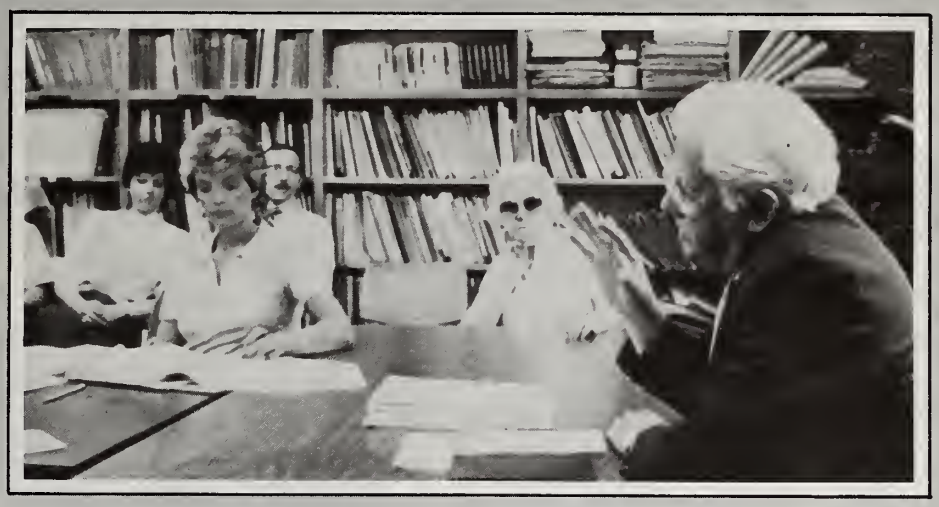
Dr. Kolb, a member of the Pulaski Heights Lions Club at the time he started his work at AEB, knew little about blindness before joining the staff. He learned a great deal through his work with Lyle Thume who is blind, AEB's psychologist/counselor at the time.

He notes some of the advances that have been made at AEB since 1954. Most of the 20 to 21 trainees in the early days were adventitiously blind, especially those enrolled in vocational training. As the years went on, more and more congenitally blind people came for both personal adjustment and vocational training. In addition, the center began accepting blind people who were multiply handicapped, even some with mental illness. He mentions the College Preparatory program that has resulted in an improved acceptance of blind people by colleges.

"That's a major breakthrough, and obviously the IRS program and the computer program and people out there working and doing a good job have shown a marked improvement in the slow but long process to get the public trained about what blind people can do," Kolb elaborates.

The staff, he believes, has grown not only in size but also in sophistication.

Dr. Kolb and the AEB staff share a mutual respect for each other. Amy Pais, coordinator of psychosocial services who has worked with him for 16 years, describes Kolb as a "warm, empathetic person."



Working with AEB staff

"He's a psychiatrist who comes across as plain — just a good old guy. You never see him when he's under stress. He has a very solid base of religion. You know that's one of the basis of his work, but he doesn't impose his religion on people. He's one of the rare people that I've seen been able to do that effectively."

She confesses to being put off by Dr. Kolb when she first came to work at the center, questioning his professional ability at first because of his easy manner and unassuming style in working with the staff. "He seems to thoroughly enjoy coming out here, kind of like a social affair when he's with the staff. I eventually found out through observation and talking with the trainees that when it gets down to the nitty gritty, he can get that problem out of the trainees that the staff can't always see. He is very serious about his work with them.

His one-on-one relationship with the trainees and his patients is open with an unconditional acceptance of them, she says. "You never get the feeling that he really genuinely dislikes anyone."

Ego aside, Dr. Kolb would probably accept being described as a psychiatrist who acts normal and is an involved citizen in the community who is open and warm. He might even agree with the folks who say that his dilapidated car is his symbol of being down to earth. But who's to analyze a psychiatrist?

The doctor himself professionally classifies himself as an eclectic psychiatrist who brings together various fields of thought. A little Freud with his theories about psychoanalysis, some of Adolph Meyer's physical and physiological factors of mental illness, mixed with the use of drugs to speed up therapy and help control schizophrenia and other mental disorders.

In his private practice he works with adults with all types of problems and disorders. He has recently been placed on senior status at Baptist, meaning he doesn't have to take committee assignments or cover emergency call, and the same will be true soon at St. Vincent's.

"In other words, I'll be 65 next fall," Kolb jokes. He dismisses retirement: "I'm in good health and I don't see myself sitting around doing nothing." Then becomes reflective: "You never know what's going to happen. I picked up my medical school alumni book the other day and two of my classmates have died recently and it makes you a little sad.

Retiring from his work at AEB? "I just love to work, and as long as I stay mentally alert and I depend on Jim and Duane to tell me if I don't, I'll keep going until they tell me not to. I think even if I found an oil well out there somewhere, I'd keep on coming over here because I enjoy it."

Clearing a pathway

Malaysian trainee Sai Kim Beh crosses another hurdle upon meeting Dr. Jim Fowler (above left), AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell and AEB President Al Isenman at the Little Rock airport.

Sai Kim Beh, only 26 years old, has spent the first quarter-century of her life making her own way, often having to clear a new trail to make the pathway she has dreamed for herself. After hearing her life's story, it becomes understandable why the young Malaysian woman was undaunted by one more hurdle to cross in an attempt to come to AEB.

Kim, the name she goes by in America, came to the U. S. last year to be trained as a teacher of blind children at Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts. While there, she learned of AEB through a friend. Wanting to gain more independent living skills for herself and for use in the future in teaching, Kim decided that she wanted to get training at AEB before she left the States.

She corresponded with Executive Director Jim Cordell who helped her get a tuition scholarship to AEB. But she still needed funds for room and board and incidental expenses. Lions International President Jim Fowler of Little Rock, advised of Kim's desire for training, related her financial needs to Lions from Malaysia at the international convention this summer in Hawaii. They agreed to provide the assistance she needed.

Kim still had one more problem. Her tuition and room and board were taken care of, but what about transportation from Boston to Little Rock? The night before she was to leave for Little Rock she had an airline reservation for the trip but no money to pay for it. By the next morning, the day she was to leave, a friend in Massachusetts came to her rescue and loaned her the money for the plane ticket.

On Monday, Aug. 1, Kim, a student with no money but plenty of ambition to make up for it, arrived at AEB. In the five months she will be at the center she hopes not only to learn better independent and personal management skills, but also to train in switchboard operation to have a second vocation in the event she can't find employment as a teacher.

In an interview shortly after she arrived at AEB, Kim discussed her background, her reason for coming to the United States and her plans for the future. A petite, oriental woman, she is a determined young lady who works calmly but directly to accomplish what she believes is her mission in life — to return home to help blind people, particularly children because they can still be molded and because she remembers the help she needed but didn't always get as a blind child in Malaysia.

Born in a remote fishing village on Pangkor Island in Malaysia, tiny Kim was a double disappointment to her conservative Chinese parents. She was a female, and their culture respected only male births, and she was blind, and they had little use for handicapped children.

Kim was one of eight children in her family who survived childbirth in this village that had no medical help for mothers giving birth. When she was 6 years old social welfare workers persuaded her parents to let her go to a school for the blind in Pinang, an island located more than 100 miles away. In the seventh grade all these blind children were mainstreamed into the public schools.

"That was very challenging," related Kim, her American English superb, even down to the cliches and slang. "They just throw you in there and you have to feel your own way."

Kim attributes much of her independence to the struggles she made in adjusting to the public schools that were geared for sighted students. But she appreciates the adaptive skills training in areas such as braille that she received in the isolated school for the blind to prepare her to live in a sighted world. The teachers at the school for the blind, however, were not professionally trained to teach many specialized areas such as mobility, sewing, cooking and social skills. These are some of the skills she hopes to learn at AEB.

Her life-long ambition to teach was temporarily shattered when the Malaysian universities wouldn't accept her to train as a teacher because she was blind. After exhausting any hopes of studying in Malaysia, Kim applied for admission to a college in Sydney, Australia, the Nepean College of Advanced Education.

"I had great drama just like the drama in coming to AEB," she explained. The three-year college accepted her for enrollment as their first blind student, but the snag came when immigration officials didn't want her in the country as a student because she was blind.

"I have a right for education like everyone else," Kim said in her challenge to the officials, who granted her entry into the country six weeks after the semester began at the college. There Kim studied educational courses for three years to make her eligible to teach sighted students. During her stay she was able to perfect the conversational English she had learned as a second language in Malaysian schools. Her family speaks a Chinese dialect at home, and the schools use the national Malay language.

Upon completion of her studies in Australia, Kim got accepted at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., hoping to take courses that specialize in teaching the blind. She discovered, however, that she couldn't get the training there she needed to be able to teach in Malaysia. After her training is completed at AEB, she hopes to return to Australia for post graduate study in teaching blind children.

"I guess my ambition will kill me," joked Kim, who only occasionally stops driving herself long enough to laugh at her dogged determination.

When suggested that she has

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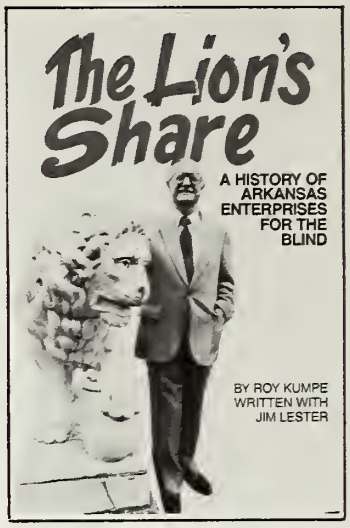
Why would a person who spends her working hours going to the theatre, shopping, fishing and eating out ever need to retire from that job? Elise Diesel, AEB's recreational director for the past 16 years who turned 65 this year, has decided that she would like a chance to have some leisure time activities of her own for a change. Diesel, whose years of service at AEB also include 15 years of volunteer work at AEB prior to joining the staff in January of 1967, officially retired on Aug. 31 after more than 30 years of planning and supervising recreational and physical conditioning activities for the trainees. As a retiree, she hopes to do some traveling, take some college courses, go swimming and sew for her granddaughter, to name some of her plans.

Diesel

A special visitor stopped by AEB this summer to say hello. She is Dorothy Marie Luttrell of Texas (left), the artist who painted two oil still life paintings (one is shown above) to hang in the AEB cafeteria. Mrs. Luttrell is the niece of Mac McCaffrey (right), AEB's housing coordinator. A professional painter who had to quit after she developed arthritis in her hand, Mrs. Luttrell completed the picture for the dining room when it opened in 1959. She is now an antique dealer.



Dust Cover

The dust covers for the book, "The Lion's Share," by Roy Kumpe, have arrived and books will be printed and available for sale after Sept. 19. Early orders will be mailed right away, and others will be mailed as the orders are placed.

The author's party for persons who purchased the 200 special edition books will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Trapnall Hall in Little Rock. The special edition books are specially bound with a padded brown cover with gold embossed lettering. Each book will be numbered and signed.

The book store editions have an attractive purple cover with gold lettering. They will be packaged with a dust cover containing information about Kumpe and the contributing author, Jim Lester. Persons who wish to order a book should write to AEB, c/o Jim Davis, 2811 Fair Park Boulevard, Little Rock, Ark. 72204. The price is $9.95 plus $1.50 for postage and handling.

Memorials

(Editor's note) Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends.)

Charles K. Hughes by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Allen, A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Lewis Block, Sr., by Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rosen, Dr. and Mrs. Rich Rosen
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Mrs. Evelyn W. Jackson by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.
Mrs. Flossie Conley by Benton Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Mrs. Addie Bland by Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Hirscheider

Clearing a pathway

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seen more of the world and accomplished more than most people her age, Kim made a modest denial. "I wish I could do more. I have no regrets about what I've had to do. It has taught me a lot."

Kim has never learned what caused her blindness at birth. "Perhaps blindness is a blessing in disguise for me," said Kim, a frequent recanter of popular sayings that support positive living. While she has been inwardly driven to get a higher education, her brothers and sisters have dropped out because of the family's poverty, and it was easier to quit than to push on.

Kim has considered the possibility that, even with graduate training, the schools for the blind may not hire her as a teacher since there are only a few blind teachers in Malaysia. "If I choose an alternative career, it will be with people, not a machine," she said, speaking again with the self assurance her struggles have demanded.

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Mrs. Louise Laydon by Mrs. Floyd P. Meyer
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James Kelley Parks, Sr., by Max Smith
Mrs. E. F. Bowdon by Mrs. Frank Armstrong
Mother of Russell Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
Sister of Mrs. Rodney Johnston by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
Steven Larson by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bair
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HISTORICAL MEETING — The newly formed board of the Division of State Services for the Blind met for the first time in August at the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Little Rock. Lion Carl Chambers, left, one of the persons appointed by the governor to serve on the board, is a former AEB board member from Horseshoe Lake. The board will have its next meeting at AEB on Nov. 18. Charlotte Alexander of Osceola is chairman of the board.

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On The Cover

Roy Kumpe's smile was broad on Sept. 18. He was smiling because many old friends gathered together at Trapnall Hall at an author's party to wish him well at the release on his book, "The Lion's Share." These same friends helped to fund the publishing of the book, which is now on sale at AEB. See the related article on Page 6.

University Honors Dr. James M. Fowler

When Saint Louis University chose to honor 12 alumni with their Alumni Merit Awards, the school selected a St. Louis Globe-Democrat Humanities Award recipient, a U. S. commissioner of patents, a Mayo Clinic surgeon, a longtime Cardinals baseball trainer, a circuit judge and an Arkansas dentist.

The Arkansas dentist honored was Dr. James M. Fowler, a 1945 graduate of the University's School of Dentistry, and current president of Lions International.

Arkansas' best known Lion was able to take time from his Lion's travels to be in St. Louis for the Saint Louis University Founders Week civic dinner on Oct. 23 when the award was made. His wife, Aggie, accompanied him to St. Louis.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, color or national origin.

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Board Sets $10 Million Campaign

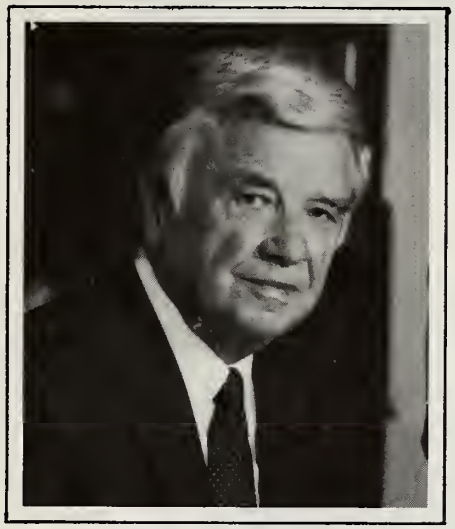
An ambitious fund-raising campaign with a goal of $10 million has been approved by AEB's board of directors.

Primary emphasis of the plan is the establishment of individual trusts patterned after the $100,000 trust established Dec. 31, 1982, by Carolyn and Bernard Whetstone of Little Rock.

Jim Cordell, AEB executive director, said the campaign comes at a critical time for the rehabilitation center. He cited the growing need for a vocational building, the continuing requirements for expensive technical aids for training and the ever increasing cost of providing daily services to 80 or more trainees as several examples of the center's need for additional funds.

The trust plan was designed by Whetstone, a member of AEB's development committee. The committee presented the plan to the board of directors and received approval to develop and market it.

"To me one of the many appeals of such a trust, irrevocable and for perpetuity, is that your contribution today will continue providing AEB funds forever," Whetstone explained. "This thing will never end — it just goes on and on. I think it's wonderful that I or anyone can make a gift today and know the blind will benefit from it forever."



Bernard Whetstone
Trust Plan Designer

Under the plan, trusts will range in size between $100, $1 million and upward. All funds will be invested by AEB's endowment committee at the highest rate available. Money earned from the trust investment will be used for the rehabilitation center's daily operations and facility expansion.

Developers of the program point to the flexibility of the trust program as one of its best features. A donor can name the trust for himself or in honor or memory of anyone he chooses. The trust is written in such a manner as to allow property of any character — cash, securities, life insurance, real estate, personal property — to create the trust or to be added to the trust at any time.

Recognition of donors will be the same as currently used for the annual giving and other special donations. This includes the Century Club for $100 and up; the Order of the Silver Cane for $500 and up; the President's Council for $1,000 and up; and Knights of the Blind for $5,000 and up to $25,000.

Trusts of larger sizes will be given special recognition by AEB's board of directors that is commensurate with the trust.

Fifty thousand brochures, like the insert in this issue of NEW LIFE, have been printed to open up the campaign. Plans call for mass distribution of the brochures through a wide range of sources, including state and district meetings, exhibits, and individuals meeting privately with other individuals.

The brochure has a trust agreement that only requires the donor to fill in a few blanks and attach a check. AEB will process the trust and return a copy to the donor. If the trust is named for another person or organization, a letter will be sent to that party informing them of the trust in their honor.

Ordinarily setting up a trust usually requires an attorney, but this trust can be established without one and at no cost. AEB is not paying

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Five Get Early Start

The trust campaign to raise $10 million for AEB begins officially with this issue of NEW LIFE. However, some of the people who are involved with planning and marketing the trust got an early start.

Five trusts totaling $102,000 have already been established. They include the Carolyn and Bernard Whetstone Trust, the A. W. Isenman Family Trust, the James, Linda and Shannon Davis Family Trust, the Roland Sheldon Trust and the Judy Williams Trust.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR — Gary Petsch of Hopkinsville, Ky., (center) receives the Department of the Army's "Handicapped Employee of the Year" award. Petsch, a civilian employee at Fort Campbell, Ky., was awarded a special plaque by Army officials in ceremonies held at the Pentagon on October 4. The decoration was for meritorious civilian service and outstanding performance of duty as an engine mechanic. Petsch graduated in 1981 from AEB's Small Engine Repair course.

AEB Seeking Re-Accreditation

A five-year event that AEB has taken the lead in advocating and promoting is nearing its mid-point at the rehabilitation center.

The event is the re-accreditation self-study and on-site visit by the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired. AEB is a charter member of NAC, which was formed in 1969 to promote quality services from agencies serving the blind.

This is AEB's third re-accreditation evaluation. The procedure is a self-study followed by an on-site visitation by a team of NAC appointed professionals in the field of blindness.

At AEB the self-study involves 12 sub-committees working under the rehabilitation center's steering committee. Duane Balentine, AEB's assistant executive director, chairs the steering committee.

The on-site visit is scheduled to begin February 26, 1984. The three-day visit will allow the evaluation team to compare AEB's self-study against what they see actually happening at the rehabilitation center. Members of the team will also make recommendations based on their findings at AEB.

Balentine believes the re-accreditation process to be an "excellent exchange of ideas." He went on to say, "NAC accreditation is an ongoing process whereby all professionals in the field can share the most positive aspects of their services with their peers."

Evelyn Blackstone (1980) writes that she now has a job in Des Plain, Ill. She plans to write later and explain more about her work, but this letter was to express how much she appreciated AEB and ". . . I am very thankful that I came to AEB."

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Betty Stewart (1982) held a drawing for the quilt that she and other members of the West Memphis Lions Club sold chances for. The winner was a woman from Parkin, Ark. Betty has mailed the proceeds to AEB, a check for $400.

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Leonard Ellis (1983) is enjoying his work as a Taxpayer Service Representative for the Internal Revenue Service in Boston. He writes that all is well and he has met several other AEB graduates. His address is 1 Parkingway Drive, Apt. #3, Braintree, Mass. 02184.

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Sarah Kennedy Harper (1983) a professional trainee who did her internship at AEB from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock rehabilitation program, wrote the following letter:

"I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the agency and its fine employees for having allowed me the opportunity to learn from you. I may not have always appeared to be learning, but I assure you that I have stored a wealth of knowledge. I have learned from all of you. I am now eagerly waiting to impart some of this knowledge in teaching.

"I thank each of you for permitting me to do my internship at AEB. May God continue to bless each of you and the fine agency which you represent."

2811 Fair Park

Two AEB staff members were on the road recently in relation to their jobs. Amy Pais, coordinator of psycho-social counseling, was a guest lecturer on Nov. 2 at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She spoke to graduate students in Vision Rehabilitation at the School of Optometry. Amy is familiar with Penn's program, having been an advisor to the school when the program was established last year. It is the only school of its type in the country. Jim Davis, director of development and public relations, attended a three-day National Society of Fund Raisers Executives seminar Nov. 4-6 in Dallas, Tex.

Judy Williams, AEB's community relations specialist whose job assignments include numerous writing chores, received the District Two International Association of Business Communicator's award of excellence for single headline writing. The headline appeared in an ad used in the **Journal of Blindness and Visual Impairment Magazine.** Judy, vice president of the Arkansas IABC Chapter, was the chapter's only member to win an award in the district (nine states) competition.

Thank goodness Halloween comes only once a year. But on the other hand, it's fun for staff and trainees to take a day to dress differently. On Friday, Oct. 28, numerous AEB'ers took leave of their normal dress code to don something special for Halloween. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes. From the trainees, Lisa Hall of Shreveport, La., won dinner-for-two at Bennigan's and staff member Cotton Guidry won dinner-for-two at Hunan's. Judging was held during the first coffee break where everyone could gather and enjoy all the disguises. The group pictured below is a sample of Halloween at AEB.

AEB's first problem was convincing skeptics that people who are blind could be computer programmers. Next came Charlene Contompasis of Schenectady, N. Y., a hearing impaired as well as visually impaired student. Charrie completed her training recently and has been hired by the Internal Revenue Service in Austin, Tex., as a computer programmer.

Now we have Sam May of Seth, W. V., a totally deaf and severely visually impaired person in the computer class. To assist Sam with his work, Donna McSpadden, a deaf interpreter who also instructs orientation and mobility training at AEB on occasions, is attending the class and interpreting the lecture. She also is available to assist Sam when he has a question for instructor David Dawson, or he is having trouble understanding a problem.

According to Donna, the greatest problem seems to be his understanding the specialized language used in computer work and catching the meaning of the jargon that has developed in the computer world.

EASY READING — PDG Claude Shaver of Cherokee Village and PDG Bob Burns of Horseshoe Bend were two of the more than 150 persons who attended the author's party for Roy Kumpe and honoring the release of his book *"The Lion's Share."*

Author's Reception Draws Supporters

From the time he stepped from the 1959 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud until the last guest left two hours later, Roy Kumpe spent a pleasant afternoon visiting with friends who financed the publishing of his book, **"The Lion's Share."**

The afternoon was Sept. 18 and the location was the restored Trapnall Hall in Little Rock. The event was an author's party attended by more than 150 long-time friends and supporters.

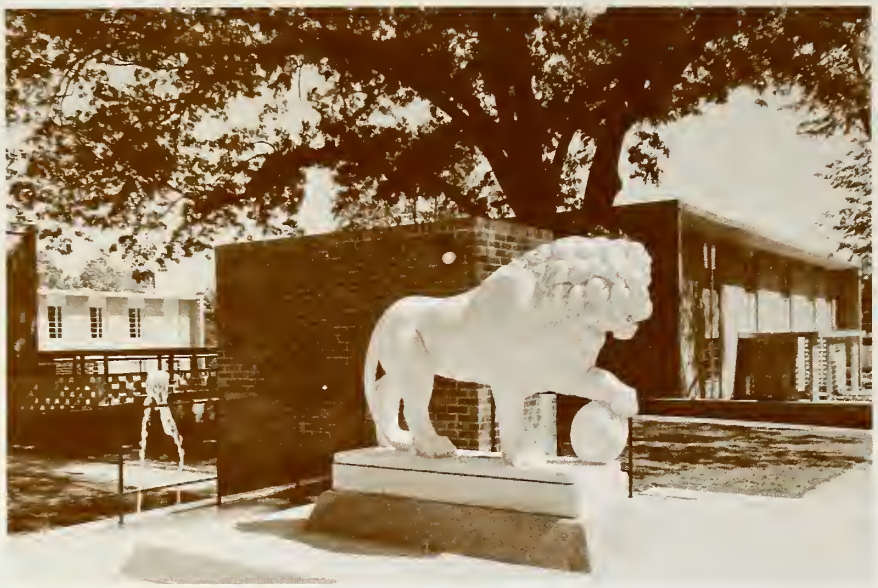
During the afternoon special autographed editions of **"The Lion's Share"** were distributed to the individuals who purchased them. The proceeds from the sale covered the cost of printing 2,000 regular editions of the book that will be sold with all profit going to AEB.

Kumpe had been working on the book since his retirement in 1978. Jim Lester, a Little Rock writer, assisted with the writing. The book was published by Rose Publishing Company of Little Rock.

Currently the books are on sale at AEB for $9.95. Mail orders should include $1.50 for postage and handling. Contact AEB if you are interested.

Would You Like To Have Guaranteed Immortality?

. . . and, in the meanwhile, as long as you live enjoy the satisfaction of watching your investment serve the needs of the blind?



Campus: ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR THE BLIND

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is a private, non-profit rehabilitation center serving the adult blind population of the world. Since its founding in 1938, AEB has provided the basic rehabilitation needs for more than 5,100 blind and visually impaired persons from every American state and 54 foreign countries.

AEB offers four primary services for the blind — psycho-social counseling, personal adjustment training, vocational evaluation and vocational programs. AEB's basic philosophy is to be available to retrain the blind individual to live independently and to become gainfully employed.

AEB is sponsored by the Lions Clubs.

AEB's facilities, consisting of six buildings, including two dormitories and four training buildings, is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. It averages 325 trainees annually. It has a professional staff of 70.

Its annual operating budget exceeds $1.6 million. This does not include program expansion and added facilities. Various states contribute approximately 60% of the annual operating costs in the form of tuition for trainees whom they send to AEB.

This leaves AEB needing over $1 million additional to cover the balance plus needed expansion.

Endowments totaling $10,000,000 will generate this needed additional and this is the amount of our goal.

We are asking you to set up a perpetual trust for this purpose.

EXPLANATION OF TRUST

Without legal or other expense you set up perpetual (forever) trust in an amount of your choice, fully and immediately tax deductible; your money is invested by experts and the earnings of the investment are used for blind-serviced functions such as purchase of much needed equipment to enrich the daily lives of the blind, training and facilities. Your name (or your designated honoree's name) will be displayed at AEB in Little Rock; you can watch all this during your lifetime and have your generosity displayed forever.

(For instance, $100 will each year earn about $12 and this will buy a white cane; $1,000 will each year earn $120 and this will buy electronic aids for the blind; $10,000 will each year earn $1,200 and will buy technical equipment and closed circuit readers for the vocational programs.)

Return trust agreement to:

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Little Rock, AR 72204

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(Print either your name or the name of person to be honored here)
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2. **AMOUNT OF TRUST:** $_____ (together with any other property of any character which may at any time be added to this trust.)

3. **TYPE OF TRUST:** Irrevocable. 4. **DURATION:** Perpetuity.

5. **DUTIES OF TRUSTEE:** To hold, sell or exchange, invest or reinvest, the corpus of this trust in such manner as to secure and protect the same in whatever form it may take to the end that the corpus never be invaded or become insecure; to invest wisely the corpus to yield the highest possible return on investment; always maintain the corpus intact; and to promptly distribute earned proceeds to Beneficiary not less frequently than quarterly.

6. The terms "income" and "corpus" (principal) shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3 of Act 318 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Arkansas, 1971, and the laws of the State of Arkansas shall govern the construction and execution of this agreement.

7. **OBLIGATION OF THE BENEFICIARY:** To accept and faithfully and responsibly use the income from the trust for purchase of needed equipment, training, and other non-profit and blind-serviced functions for the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind in Little Rock; and to display appropriate recognition of the creation of this trust in the facilities of A.E.B. in Little Rock.

Agreeing and binding signatures on this _____ day of _____, 19____.

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Lawyer, Wife Establish $100,000 Trust For Equipment, Scholarships for AEB

Bernard Whetstone, a Little Rock lawyer, and his wife, Carolyn, have established a $100,000 trust to help the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind purchase specialized equipment for blind or visually impaired persons and offer scholarships to persons who could benefit from the center's rehabilitation services.

The trust, established a few days before Christmas, is the largest single trust fund ever established for the center.

Whetstone, 70, said the couple had been thinking about setting up the trust since they toured the rehabilitation center several months ago for the second time and saw it had "such a crying need" for new equipment capable of revolutionizing a blind person's life. Influenced by the holiday spirit of giving, he and his wife brought their plans to fruition last week, he said.

"I feel that anybody that would take that tour would immediately feel compelled to want to do anything they could to help those people," Whetstone said. "Their cheerfulness is one of the most heartwarming things * * *. They could do so much if only they had the financing."

Whetstone said nothing would please him more than for his generosity to be contagious and prompt others either to use his trust as a model to establish trusts in their own names or to send donations to increase the Whetstone Trust, which was set up to allow contributions of any amount to be added to it.

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock Lions Club, which sponsors the center, will serve as trustee of the fund. The center's Endowment Committee will have investment responsibilities. Only the income from investments of the trust, which was established with cash, is to be used. The trust stipulates that the income must be used only for special equipment or scholarships.

Whetstone, a native of Crossett and former longtime resident of El Dorado, has been a member of the Lions Club for 12 years. Support of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is a state project of the Lions Clubs of Arkansas. Last year, members contributed about $155,000 to the private, nonprofit rehabilitation center. The Founders Lions Club raised the first $10,000 to lease a building for the center when it was established in 1947.

"The gift will be a great benefit to AEB, especially during these difficult economic times that all nonprofit organizations are experiencing," Jim Cordell, AEB executive director, said.

AEB has served more than 4,900 blind and visually impaired persons from all 50 states and 53 countries.

Mayor-elect of West Memphis Won't Wait to Assume Office

WEST MEMPHIS (AP) — Incumbent Mayor Joyce Ferguson, defeated in the race for this city's highest office, Thursday asked the mayor-elect to stay out of City Hall until the Arkansas Supreme Court rules on her challenge to his election, but he declined.

In a news conference at City Hall, Ferguson asked Leo Chitman to step aside and [illegible] from being sworn in a[illegible] Hall or the mayor's office are padlocked, he'll take steps to gain entrance, but he did not elaborate.

Chitman defeated five other candidates in the November 2 election. Ferguson came in second, 61 votes behind Chitman. Two lawsuits challenging the election were filed. Both contended that since Chitman didn't obtai[illegible] [illegible]ity of votes, a runoff

PSC Denies AP&L Request

The state Public Service Commission Wednesday denied a request by the Arkansas Power and Light Company for an extension in the "grace period" it is now allowed for refueling of its nuclear power plant before the PSC begins i[illegible] incentive p[illegible] men[illegible]

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"FOR HE'S A . . ." — Milt Brummer, PDG, immediate past president of AEB, became the second individual honored by Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind as a "Jolly Good Lion." Jim Cordell, AEB executive director, traveled to Milt's club, Hot Springs Village Evening, to present the award. Current AEB president Al Isenman of Little Rock was along and took this picture. The award is a simple way of saying that the folks at AEB "appreciate your work" on behalf of the rehabilitation center.

Three Arkansas Lions Recognized

Dr. Jim Fowler traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, to recognize three fellow Arkansas Lions for their outstanding work as Lions.

Dr. Jim Fowler, Arkansas' Lions on-loan ambassador to the world of Lionism, presented the International President's award to Herman West, PID, Searcy; M. C. Lewis, PID, Hot Springs; and George Tyler, PDG, North Little Rock. The presentations were made during the International's board of directors meeting in October.

Lewis is a member of the Hot Springs Lions club, a district governor, 1962-63, and international director, 1964-66.

West is a member of the Searcy Lions Club, a district governor, 1961-62, and international director, 1969-71.

George Tyler is a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions club and served as district governor, 1953-54.

All three Lions are active in local, state and national Lionism. Each has served on AEB's board of directors and held numerous club offices. Dr. Fowler has appointed each to the international board of directors.

Fund-Raising Campaign Set

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any fee nor using any outside fund raiser for this project. Every dollar of your gift goes 100 percent to AEB and every dollar of interest earned by the trust goes 100 percent to AEB.

Annual reports on the activity of the trust will be sent to all donors of $1,000 or more. Trust donors of smaller amounts who wish to have a report will receive one upon request.

Trusts will be numbered as they are received at the rehabilitation center. A plaque will be displayed in an appropriate center listing the names of all the trusts and the donor. A trust book will also be maintained.

About Trusts

A thing or two about trusts ...

A trust is a legal arrangement which allows you to give cash, stocks, bonds or other property to a trustee with the trustee holding the property and paying income to you or another beneficiary. The trustee is responsible for the investment of the trust.

A living trust is created during your lifetime.

A testamentary trust is established by your will.

A revocable living trust can be changed or revoked at any time for any reason.

An irrevocable trust cannot be changed or revoked.

A revocable trust does not receive a tax deduction and income from the trust must be reported for income tax purposes.

An irrevocable trust given to a charity does qualify as a tax deduction.

The trust agreement the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has included in this issue of NEW LIFE is an irrevocable trust.

Deaths

George Rose of Little Rock, the man who had been a Lion longer than anyone else in Arkansas and most likely in the world, died on Sept. 30.

Rose, who was 95, joined the Little Rock Lions Club in 1920, only four years after the club organized as a men's club and just three years after becoming a charter club of Lions International.

During his 63 years as a Lion, Rose served the club as secretary for 24 of those years. In 1975 he received the International President's Award from Harry Aslan recognizing his then 55 years of service.

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Your Will Helps

If you are preparing a will and would like to leave a living memorial to benefit blind and visually handicapped persons served by AEB, the following form may be used.

"I give and bequeath to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind the sum of $ _____."

Your generosity helps blind and multihandicapped persons achieve their maximum potential.

Memorial Program Takes On New Approach For Expansion

A new memorial giving program involving more attractive and appropriate acknowledgement cards is being implemented by the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Jim Davis, AEB's director of development and community relations and the individual with overall responsibility for the memorial program, said all aspects of the program should be in effect Nov. 21, the week of Thanksgiving.

"Any memorial or honor donation made on or after the 21st will utilize the new cards," Davis said.

The new approach is aimed at expanding the rehabilitation center's memorial and honor giving program. The program will begin with Lions and Lioness clubs and then spread to all areas of each community.

Over the years memorial giving has grown in popularity. AEB's program has been helpful in offsetting some of the center's operating cost, but the program has been small when compared to memorial programs of other organizations. The new emphasis will work to make more people aware of the program.

One new aspect of the program is the addition of a postage-paid contribution envelope. Davis said this has worked well for the annual giving program and should work equally as well for the memorial giving program.

In addition to the envelopes, Davis said the current memorial booklet will be redesigned in keeping with the color scheme of the new program. Books will be made available to each Lion and Lioness club and individuals.

Another addition will be a coupon booklet of 12 coupons that will be sold for $100. People who send numerous memorials or honor gifts might appreciate this service.

Each occasion, either memorial or honor, has a separate card. For an onor gift, the card is designed to allow an explanation to the recipient.

AEB Christmas Party Dec. 14

The annual Lions-sponsored Christmas party for the blind people living in Central Arkansas will be held on Dec. 14 in AEB's auditorium. It will follow the regular board of directors meeting that will be held earlier in the Conference Room.

Lions and Lioness clubs in the Central Arkansas area will give $35 per club to help finance the party, which has been a tradition for the past 34 years at AEB. Annually more than 150 persons attend the party, including the blind guests and their family members, AEB trainees, AEB staff and board members.

Santa Claus will be on hand this year as a surprise to the youngsters. AEB trainees will provide Christmas music and entertainment. Door prizes, refreshments and fruit bags will be distributed to the blind people in attendance.

Center To Exhibit At Arkanshow

If you have the opportunity of visiting the Arkanshow II exhibit in Little Rock's Statehouse Convention Center on November 18, 19, or 20, be sure to visit AEB's booth.

Last year was the first Arkanshow (it was part of the grand opening for the new convention center and the Excelsior Hotel) and AEB participated. It proved to be a huge success, both for the sponsors and for AEB.

Exhibitors are Arkansas-related businesses, industry and special organizations like AEB. The exhibit is Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Admission is $2 per adult and $1 for children under 12.

How Much For Memorials?

How much should I send when making a memorial or honor gift?

That's a question many people raise. A simple answer would be whatever you (the donor) feel comfortable giving. Another guide might be how closely related or how closely acquainted you are to the individual you are memorializing or honoring.

A third guide many people frequently refer to, especially in memorials, is the cost of flowers.

In some rather light investigative work, AEB learned that the national average for processing a single memorial gift is nearly $5. At AEB this cost might be slightly less, but not much.

Costs involved in a memorial or honor gift are: at least two cards, sometimes three or more if the donor requests acknowledgment to several family members, an equal number of envelopes, postage for at least two mailings, printing cost for two or more cards, record maintenance material, memorial solicitation envelopes and booklets, memorial book at the rehabilitation center, and staff time.

It would be presumptous for AEB, or any organization, to set a minimum for memorial gifts. Donors, however, should be aware of the cost and make a gift large enough to cover the cost and to assist the program.

At AEB this has not been a major problem. Some donations are below the cost of the program, but not many. During a recent 45-day period there were 120 memorial donations totaling $1,782. Fewer than 15 were below the cost of the program.

The average gift during the period was $14.85, with $10 being the most popular gift.

Memorials

(Editor's note) Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired.

Eugene C. Spratt by Mr. and Mrs. R.L. "Jim" Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin, Robert Sakon, Earl Berry
Mrs. Byron Bogard by Wilton A. Treadway
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Inez Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Purcell
Greg Matthews by Russellville Eve. Lions Club, The Lee Yates Family
Mike Spencer by Fairfield Bay Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hughes
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Harold Sherman by Elise Diesel, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
Paula Hanvey by Southwest L.R. Lions Club
Agnes Qualls by Southwest L.R. Lions Club
Jim Tait by Al Isenman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffmann, Jr.
Dan Carter by White Hall Lions Club
Harvey Morris by Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hughes
D. Ray Dunham by Col. and Mrs. Claude Shaver, Cherokee Village Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. King, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Woell
Ellen Tillie Dent by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
Jasper Hunter by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cowles
Lee Sage by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walter
Freddie Yates by Dan Snyder
George Rose by Mr. and Mrs. Frank

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Memorials
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Graziani, Dr. and Mrs. J.M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Lila Lampkin, Dr. and Mrs. M.J. Friedman, El Dorado Lions Club

Elizabeth Louise Mistric by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graziani

Mrs. H.H. Dunn by Lila Lampkin

Michael Richard Fowler by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Richard Buehrig

Norbert A. Walzer by Fairfield Bay Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hughes

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Adren Duncan's Aunt by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

Greg Matthews by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Noid

John Bueker by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. King, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette

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Susan Kathryn Clark by Horseshoe Bend Lions Ladies Auxiliary

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Virgie Melton by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rawlings

Herman Biggs by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

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Randall Steward by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Richard Johnsrud by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gephardt

Special Occasions

HONOR:

Honor of Rod Farris by 1982-83 Council of Governors

Roland M. Shelton's Birthday by Al Isenman, Bernard Whetstone

50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. James King by Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. King

Elise Diesel's Retirement by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

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50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kipp by Mr. and Mrs. George Tollini, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen W. Booth

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Honor of Max Shilling by El Dorado Lions Club

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Auction sure to be a blockbuster

Arkansas Lions come through again

Barring a power shortage across the state or a laryngitis epidemic in the KATV-7 newsroom, the Arkansas Lions TV Auction for AEB on Wednesday, March 13, can't help but be a blockbuster.

"I was beginning to get a little nervous about whether we'd have much to auction," admitted Auction Solicitations Chairman Lloyd Walleen. "But the committee made a desperate plea to the Arkansas Lions who have come through with over 100 items of merchandise in the last couple of weeks."

Walleen is impressed with the high quality and wide variety of merchandise for this year's auction. Values of individual items range from $50 (the minimum amount) to $9,600.

As of publication deadline, a total of 43 Arkansas Lions Clubs had donated items or money to the auction, plus five Lioness Clubs and the Baton Rouge (La.) Lions Club. Most of the contacts for merchandise made were by individual efforts, and several individuals, such as Bert Cleaver, Ken Ellis, Wes Smelley, Lloyd Walleen, Lila Lampkin and Al Isenman, worked to secure numerous items.

The auction, expected to be aired for about three hours, will begin at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 7 and on most cable networks throughout the state. Telephone operators will accept bids for items when they are announced on the air. The top bidders will be asked to pick up their merchandise at AEB by noon Saturday, March 16.

Special efforts have been made by the committee to correct some of the problems that arose at the 1983 auction. More telephone lines will be open, and the number of auction items has been cut in half to allow more bidding time for each item. All merchandise will be announced from the bid board at least twice, and more expensive items will remain on the bid board even longer.

Readers are encouraged to look over the merchandise list published on pages 8 and 9 to make plans to bid on any item needed. The list is incomplete, since many items that have been promised had not arrived by publication deadline.

A perfect gift for someone you love! AEB staffer Mary Daneshver models a 100% silk kimona purchased in China recently — one of the many items that will be on sale at the auction. The kimona, valued at $200, is black with oriental embroidery.

Some of the more expensive items include a $9,600 scholarship to the Arkansas School of Technology; two Horseshoe Bend lots valued at more than $4,000 each; a $999 console TV; 5,000 bricks worth $900; a $900 pair of Klipsch speakers; a $999 grandfather clock; and 1,500 board feet of paneling worth $900.

If you're looking for something out of the ordinary, some of the unusual items going on the auction block are a 1926 violin made by Robert Glice; a certificate to video-tape a wedding reception; a 100 percent black silk kimona purchased in China; and a $500 custom-built furniture item.

For those making summer vacation plans or looking for a weekend outing, these auction packages might be considered:

- Two nights/breakfast at the Legacy Hotel, Little Rock;
- A family fun package at the Hot Springs Majestic Resort/Spa;
- $225 gift certificate from World Wide Travel;
- Two nights/dinner at Little Rock Hilton Inn;
- Two nights at Denby Point Lodge;
- Two nights at Mountain Harbor Resort;
- One night/breakfast at Little Rock LaQuinta Motor Inn;
- Two nights at Fairfield Bay Resort;
- Four-day Las Vegas trip for one;
- Texarkana evening at Perot Theater, Bryces and Kings Row Inn;
- Two nights for four, Hot Springs Village;
- American Airline tickets for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell (second from right) accepts the grant check at a Little Rock Founders Lions meeting. With him are (from left): Jim Wade, IBM marketing manager; David Rosen, Founders president; and C.E. Stuart, IBM branch manager.

AEB receives community grant

Largest awarded in Arkansas by IBM

AEB has received a $3,654 grant from the IBM Fund for Community Service to purchase training equipment for the center's Contact Collections Representative vocational course.

The grant, the largest ever awarded in Arkansas by the IBM Fund, was made available to AEB through the efforts of David Rosen, president of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, and his wife, Betty.

Mrs. Rosen, an employee of IBM, knew that employees and their spouses were eligible to make application for the community service funds. When Rosen became the Founders Club president, they began to explore what AEB's training needs were and applied for grant funding.

The IBM fund provides financial support for specific projects of eligible, local, community organizations in which the employee or spouse has a continuing, active involvement. It encourages employee community service to non-profit organizations that perform services in areas such as social welfare, medicine, health and civic affairs.

"Most of the grants awarded are for about $1,500 or so," Rosen said. "But I think we presented a good case for the center and its efforts in training blind people to go to work in this community. So we feel very fortunate that this grant was so substantial."

The grant funds will help purchase computer equipment for the Collections program, which trains blind and visually impaired persons for employment in the Collections division of the Internal Revenue Service.

"We appreciate the efforts of the Rosens," commented AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell. "We hope that their action might encourage other Lions and AEB friends to explore any corporation grant programs available to them at their place of employment. AEB has many training needs, such as this one for equipment, that we are not able to meet with our current operating budget."

There are seven students enrolled in the current Collections course which began in February. All seven have been assured employment upon graduation from the course.

Former AEB executive director dies at 60

Howard H. Hanson, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's second executive director, died February 21 in Little Rock after a lengthy illness. Hanson was 60.

He came to AEB in 1978 after 28 years with South Dakota Services to the Visually Impaired and served until 1980, when he retired.

A South Dakota native, he graduated from the South Dakota School for the Blind, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from South Dakota State College, and did post graduate work at the University of Michigan.

Hanson was an active Lion, both in South Dakota and Arkansas, serving as a district governor in South Dakota. After moving to Arkansas, he joined the Pulaski Heights Lions Club. He helped organize the South Dakota Lions Sight and Service Foundation in Sioux Falls.

During his service as AEB's executive director, he attended district and sub-district meetings regularly. He served on the Sight Conservation Committee as AEB's executive director. He also was a speaker at numerous Lions Clubs around the state.

In 1972, Hanson was chairman of the first session of the World Congress of Rehabilitation International at Sydney, Australia. He was a board member of National Accreditation Council for five years and president of the American Association for the Blind and a trustee of the American Foundation of the Blind.

As executive director of AEB, Hanson (top) welcomes Lions International President Ralph Lyman of Michigan to Little Rock to attend the center's Visiting District Governor's Day in 1978. The following year, Hanson (right) receives the coveted International President's pin from 1979 Lions International President Lloyd Morgan of New Zealand at Governor's Day activities.

AEB film effort to resume

Renewed efforts to raise funds for a film about AEB will begin before the end of March, according to Al Isenman, chairman of the development committee.

Isenman said the committee would wait until the TV Auction is over to renew the effort started almost a year ago to "Discover a Star."

"Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is the star," Isenman said, "but if we (Arkansas Lions) want others to know about our rehabilitation work for the blind, then we need some way to get our story to the general public."

Last year's fund-raising effort resulted in enough funds to have a script written. Little Rock scriptwriter Janis Cantwell has been hired. Before Christmas, she spent almost two weeks on campus getting to know trainees, staff and AEB's many programs. Her film treatment, an outline of how the film's script will be written, was accepted by the development committee and the script writing is underway.

Total cost of the project will be nearly $45,000. The script will cost $4,000. Seven Arkansas Lions and Lioness Clubs made pledges of $4,900 and payments of $1,933. Clubs and individuals who participate in the fund-raising effort for the film project will be recognized according to the amount donated. A framed certificate will go to all clubs or individuals giving $200,

identifying them as an "Executive Director."

"The Academy" recognition goes to gifts of $500. Each producer in the Academy class will receive a framed certificate and their name added to a plaque displayed at AEB.

For gifts of $1,000, the donor will be listed in the film's credits as one of the film's producers, plus receive a framed certificate and their name included on the plaque. This category is called "The Oscar."

Final category is "Superstar" and is designed for donors of $2,000 or more. In addition to all the honors listed for the "Oscar," the "Superstar" will receive a club copy of the film. This would be a great way for Lions and Lioness to share the work of AEB in their community.

Pledges of $1,000 or more can be payable for up to three years.

The clubs that responded to the first appeal were Hot Springs Village Breakfast, $1,000 payment; Russellville Evening, $1,000 pledge, $333 payment; Ashdown Lions and Lioness, $200 payment; Horseshoe Lake Lioness, $200 payment; Pine Bluff Evening Lions, $2,000 pledge; Springdale Centennial, $300 pledge, $100 payment; and the Hermitage Lions, $200 pledge, $100 payment.

In AEB's history, three films have been made about the Center. The last was in the late 60's. The film, "Happiness Is State Of Mind," featured cowboy star Roy Rogers. Most of the material shown in the film is outdated. The movie was made before AEB developed many of its vocational programs. In addition, the few remaining copies are badly worn and spliced numerous times.

"We are going to look for outside help to finance AEB's growing programs," Isenman explained. "I think this film will prove to be the tool that allows our work with the blind to become more effective and will reach even more who need our services."

AEB volunteer wins award, becomes ill

Sam Lyons, AEB volunteer who was featured in the last issue of NEW LIFE, had a cardiac arrest in early February. Always on the job it seems, Sam had just reported to his volunteer job as a patient visitor at St. Vincent Infirmary when the arrest occurred. Within minutes, Lyons was receiving CPR and treatment by a heart doctor. He later had surgery for placement of a pacemaker.

Lyons, who is recuperating rapidly now at home, had just learned the day before that he was one of eight volunteers in Arkansas who have been chosen for KARK-TV 4's Community Service Awards. The top winner among the eight, who will be cited for the annual Distinguished Award, will be announced in March. All winners will be recognized in a live TV broadcast on Channel 4 on June 4.

As soon as he arrived home from the hospital, Sam was ready to go back to his volunteer work, pending his doctor's approval. Until then, Sam requested tape recording work from AEB that he could do at home.

Hazel Adams with lawn mower engine

Female mech

Two female trainees at AEB will go down in the center's history book for being the first women to graduate from the Small Engine Repair vocational program.

The Arkansans, Hazel Adams of Gentry and Laura Strickland of Umpire, both enrolled in the course because they enjoy working with their hands and like to tinker with engines.

Other than the fact that both women come from small communities, their similarities end with their common interest in mechanics. Hazel, 30, is married to a cross-country truck driver. They have two sons, ages 9 and 11. The strawberry blond is calm, easy-going and somewhat shy around unfamiliar people.

Though distraught and worried after she woke up one morning in October 1983 only able to see shadows, Hazel calmly went through the motions of a three-month ordeal in the hospital while doctors tried to learn what caused her sudden blindness. The use of steroids during her treatment at Springdale Hospital gradually brought back some of her vision.

"The nurses told me, 'You seem so calm all the time,' " Hazel related in an interview for NEW LIFE. "I just kept my faith in the Lord through it all and knew He would take care of me."

The doctor eventually diagnosed her blindness as optic nerve damage caused as a side effect of multiple sclerosis, a disease Hazel wasn't aware she had. The optic nerve damage can't be repaired by surgery, and Hazel has had to adjust to the fact that her limited vision, while stable now, could be further affected by the MS in the future.

In the meantime, Hazel decided to learn a vocation that she could do with her visual loss. She had previously worked as a cook at a cafe in Gentry. She enjoys the Small Engine course, but misses

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>
> — *Laura Strickland*

chanics are AEB's first

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ase and a pet of many r staff and trainees at a is a tomboy who plays urine and likes to sing, y country music. Her sn't pleased when her she wanted to take ine training, but Laura her that it was the best t suited her. After g from Umpire High t spring, Laura came to plans to take switchboard training. The idea of sitting at a switchboard all day and pitching her blue jeans and t-shirts didn't appeal to her as well as the work she observed in the Small Engine shop.

Laura, legally blind since birth, has congenital cataracts and nystagmus, the result of her mother contracting measles when she was pregnant with Laura.

After graduation in May, Laura is considering a couple of job options — opening a repair shop back home with her dad, or going into partnership with Hazel or another of AEB's Small Engine graduates.

Whatever jobs they take, both women are determined to be good mechanics. Laura has just about tackled her headache with the tiny needle bearings on Lawboy engines and Hazel is overcoming her battle with carburetors.

Laura Strickland working on a chainsaw engine while instructor Murry Loring looks on.

TV Auction Contributions

ITEM	CONTRIBUTOR	VALUE	SOLICITOR
Johnson 5 H.P. Outboard Motor	Lena's Navy Landing (Terry Edwards), Hot Springs	$ 900	Milt Brummer
Emperor Grandfather's Clock	Lion John McAllister, Hot Springs Village	999	Milt Brummer
Ben Pearson Archery Bow	Ben Pearson Company, Pine Bluff	250	Pine Bluff Downtown Lions
Pottery Lamp	H.A. Bowman Co., L.R.	135	Jerry Markham
Video Tape a Wedding & Reception	Arkansas Video Productions, L.R.	175	Hardin Jones
Jacuzzi "Gold Chef" Gas Grill (Two)	Jacuzzi Brothers Div., L.R.	400	Lonoke Lions
Ark-La Gas Grill	Wynne Lions Club	214.95	Wynne Lions
Uniden ExtendaPhone	Lloyd Walleen, Hot Springs Village	119.95	Lloyd Walleen
Perim-A-Tron — Home Alarm System	Contel of Arkansas, Russellville	275	Gerald Carr
$100 Savings Account	Worthen Bank & Trust, L.R.	100	Charlie Shelton
$500 Custom Built Furniture Item	Morgan Glass & Cabinet, Hope	500	Jim Gunter
AM/FM Clock Radio-Telephone	I-Gopher Cycles, Hope	50	Don Freel
Ark-La Gas Grill	Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co., L.R.	259.75	Al Isenman
Gift Cert. — 1985 Tour or Cruise	George Tollini, Hot Springs Village	100	Lloyd Walleen
Black & Decker "Yard Caddy"	Kaufman Lumber Co., L.R.	93.73	Hardin Jones
Lot #11, Horseshoe Bend Estates	M/M Lowell G. Perry, Hot Springs Village	4,500	James Chalikis
3 Days, 2 Nights, Family Fun Package	Majestic Resort/Spa, Hot Springs	108	Jim Cordell
3 Days, 2 Nights, 2 Baths & Massages	Majestic Resort/Spa, Hot Springs	160	Jim Cordell
Virco Bentwood Chairs (3)	Conway Noon Lions Club	142.50	Conway Noon Lions
Waste King Food Disposer (1/3 H.P.)	Laing Sales & Service, L.R.	80	Wes Smelley
Table Lamp (Green & Yellow)	Furniture Mart, Harrison	95.72	Clifford Gale
Heavy Silver Tray	Lauray's, Hot Springs	76	Lloyd Walleen
Ficus Benjima Plant	Cantrell Gardens, L.R.	75	Jim Cordell
$75 Gift Certificate	Fine's, L.R.	75	Charles Shelton
$100 Gift Certificate	Jimmy Karam's Men's Store, L.R.	100	Charles Shelton
Litton Microwave Oven	Frank Lyon Co., L.R.	321.50	Wes Smelley
Crystal Lamp w/pleated shade	Brandon Furniture Gallery, L.R.	119.95	Wes Smelley
"Parlor" Palm	Green Thumb Garden Center, L.R.	55	Joe DuPlantis
Thermophore Moist Heat Pack	Don's Pharmacy, L.R.	93.95	Roy Kumpe
Micro Color Computer	Radio Shack Computer Center, L.R.	109.80	Wayne Gum
1 Pair Klipsch Heresy Speakers	Klipsch Inc., Hope	900	Jim Gunter
Two Nights and Breakfast for Two	Legacy Hotel, L.R.	160	Lila Lampkin
1 Case Plexiglas Sheets (48"x96"x.25)	Rohm & Hass Co., Philadelphia	650	Milt Brummer
1 Case Plexiglas Sheets (48"x96"x.125)	Rohm & Hass Co., Philadelphia	650	Milt Brummer
King Size Water Bed	Dreamline Mfg. Co., Cabot	799.95	Robert Duke
$100 Gift Certificate	"This Can't Be Yogurt," L.R.	100	Felix Ryals
$225 Gift Certificate	Byron House Branch, World Wide Travel, L.R.	225	Lila Lampkin
Tuition Scholarship	Pulaski Vocational Technical School, N.L.R.	300	Lila Lampkin
Brass Table Lamp w/pleated shade (2)	Dailey's Office Furnishings, L.R.	64	Al Isenman
$100 Gift Certificate	M.M. Cohn, L.R.	100	Al Isenman
Boston Rocker	Haverty Furniture Co., L.R.	129.85	Al Isenman
$100 "E" Bond	Citizens Bank & Trust, Carlisle	50	Pat Clyburn
3 Days, 2 Nights/Dinner for 2	Hilton Inn, L.R.	125	Lila Lampkin
Single — 1 year Membership	Nautilus Plus, L.R.	350	Jim Cordell
Quilted Spread — Standard Size	Bettye's Arts & Crafts, West Memphis	75	Bettye Stewart
Lorus, Ladies Yellow Gold Quartz Watch	Jewelry Nook, West Memphis	54.95	Bettye Stewart
Timex, Men's Quartz Watch	Masters Jewelry, West Memphis	54.95	Bettye Stewart
Motel Accommodations for 2 (Weekend)	Denby Point Lodge, Mt. Ida	70	Al Wilson
Lodging (3 Days & 2 Nights)	Mountain Harbor Resort, Mt. Ida	120.64	Sonny Stanley
Old Violin made by Robt. Glice	Cherokee Village Lions, Cherokee Village	100	Jimmy Searcy
(4 ea.) Kerosene Heater Blowers	Western Mfg. Co., Cabot	74	Merv Ewalt
30 Gal. Gas Caddy	Cabot Mfg., Inc.	229	Fred Clark
(2 ea.) $50 "EE" Bonds	Pulaski Bank & Trust, L.R.	50	Andy Rehbein
Typewriter Stand	Tiffany Stand & Furniture Co., Conway	147	Herbert Lawrence
Man's Gray Pigskin Jacket, Size 42	DeQueen Lions	125	Chas. Mullin
Munsey Model BB4, Baker/Toaster/Broiler	Munsey Products, L.R.	50	Jim Davis
Quartz Crystal Cluster	270 Gift Shop & O. Stanley & Son Minerals	150	Sonny Stanley
$50 Gift Certificate	Video Magic, West Memphis	50	Bettye Stewart
Bait Casting Rod (2)	Lockwood Sporting Goods, L.R.	50	Andy Rehbein
$50 Gift Certificate	Rhynecliffe, L.R.	50	Al Isenman
$100 Gift Certificate	Greer's Inc., Morrilton	100	Henry Rohlman, Jr.
Wall Mural (Spring Meadow Scene)	Wallpaper World, L.R.	69.95	Judy Williams
Weekend Car Rental	Allison Leasing Co., Morrilton	100	Ray Gilbert
Diamond Drop (.10 CT)	Gerald M. Bennett, L.R.	150	Al Isenman
Finemark 4" Executive Attache Case	Paragon Printing, L.R.	90	Raymond Byrne
1 Doz. 8 oz. Rib-Eye Steaks	Valley Food Service	60	Lila Lampkin
Terracotta Casserole	Fridays Gifts & Florist, L.R.	52	Wes Smelley
Brass Ice Bucket	Beall's Dept. Store, L.R.	58	Wes Smelley
Daisy PowerLine 880 Air Rifle	Daisy Mfg. Co., Rogers	65	Al Horvath
Daisy Red Ryder B-B Gun	Daisy Mfg. Co., Rogers	65	Al Horvath
5,000 Bricks	Acme Brick Co., Malvern	955	Lawson Glover
$100 Clothing Gift Certificate	The Leader, Malvern	100	Lawson Glover
Coleman 2-Burner Camp Stove & Coleman 5000 BTU Catalytic Heater	Robert E. McKee, Hot Springs Village	75	Glenn W. Yost
Gift Certificate for Groceries	Foster's Shop & Serve, Hot Springs Village	100	Bert Cleaver

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Craftsman 99-piece Tool Set	Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions	179.99	Bert Cleaver
Room (1 to 4 Persons) for One Night	LaQuinta Motor Inn, L.R.	(46.00)	
Breakfast for Two	Kettle Restaurant	(10.00)	Lila Lampkin
Craftsman HD Airless Paint Sprayer Kit	Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions	199.99	Bert Cleaver
Craftsman Heavy Duty Router	Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions	199.99	Bert Cleaver
Sears Stereo Double Cassette Player/Recorder	Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions	149.99	Bert Cleaver
Kenmore Self-Propelled 2-sp Upright Vacuum	Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions	279.99	Bert Cleaver
Toshiba Microwave Oven	Conway Evening Lions	178.49	Basil Julian
G.E. 25" Console Television	Baton Rouge Furniture Co., LA	999.95	Red Heard
Altanuro Teakwood Cigar Humidor	Home Brewers Pipe & Tobacco, Pine Bluff	89.99	Horace Bays
Ben Wade Danish Free Hand Pipe	Home Brewers Pipe & Tobacco	100	Horace Bays
Peterson Red Silver Spigot Pipe	Home Brewers Pipe & Tobacco	189.99	Horace Bays
Wedding Rehearsal Dinner — 25 Persons	Captains Nine Caterers, L.R.	150	John Fitzgerald
20 sq. yards Carpeting & Pad	Sherwin Williams, L.R.	250	Ron Fincher
Contemporary Lamp	H.A. Bowman Co., L.R.	125	Lemont Doan
Gruen Men's Quartz Wrist Watch	Bob Berry, L.R.	100	Bill Pendergrass
1 Pair Soft Contact Lenses	Doan Vision Clinic, L.R.	139	K.A. Doan
$75 Gift Certificate	Fine's, Inc., L.R.	75	Stan Fine
Inspection & Cleaning of Fireplace Chimney	Grime Fighters, Inc., L.R.	50	Gerald Binns
Chimney Cap w/screen	Grime Fighters, Inc., L.R.	50	Gerald Binns
3-Person Dome Tent	Bennett's Military Supplies, L.R.	100	Joe Kaufman
Vacation for 2, 3 days & 2 nights	Fairfield Bay Resort	200	Arthur Hughes
Shindawa Weed Eater (Gasoline)	Heigel Lumber & Hardware, Conway	339	Paul Heigel
Weekend for two (2 nights)	Riverfront Hilton, N.L.R.	94	Wes Smelley & Roy Kumpe
Las Vegas Trip for one (4 days)	M.T.I. Vacations, Inc., L.R.	375.95	Andy Reibein
Evening in Texarkana	Kings Row Inn, Perot Theater, Bryce, Texarkana	67	Eugene Cobb
Conservarte Cornet	Romco Drums, Inc., L.R.	300	David Rosen
Certificate for Lawnmower Repairs	Miller Hardware Co., Harrison	50	Ken Ellis
Mirro Pressure Cooker (2)	Moss Merchandisers, Inc., Harrison	51.95	Dennis Loiselet
Magnavox 12" B.W. T.V.	Reeves Furniture Co., Harrison	99.95	Ken Ellis
Citizen Quartz Men's Wristwatch	Goldsmith, etc., Harrison	75	Ken Ellis
Rocking Chair	Clark's, Harrison	69.50	Ken Ellis
Floor Lamp	Furniture Mart, Harrison	50	Ken Ellis
Wall Decoration Plaque	Napoleon's Interiors, Harrison	66.50	Ken Ellis
Ladies Yellow Gold Tiger Eye Ring	Harrison Jewelry, Harrison	199.95	Ken Ellis
Sony Portable TV	Harrison Evening Lions	79.50	Ralph Wright
1500 Board Feet Hardwood Wall Paneling	J.W. Black Lumber Co., Corning	900	Lila Lampkin
Golf Putter	Paul Lewis Pro Shop, L.R.	50	Gayle Windsor
$50 Gift Certificate	MI Brokates, L.R.	50	Al Isenman
$100 Gift Certificate	Steve Shaner Photography, L.R.	100	Steve Shaner
Chinese 100% Silk Kimono (Black)	Bernard Whetstone, L.R.	200	Bernard Whetstone
Porta Potti	Mashburn's R.V. Center, Inc., Jonesboro	79.95	Jim Mashburn
1-month membership — Ron Turchi's	Ron Turchi, Pine Bluff	50	Bob Gill
ATA Fitness Center (3)			
2-yr. Electronic Engineering Scholarship	Arkansas College of Technology, L.R.	9,600	Lila Lampkin
"The Director" Kero-Sun Portable Heater	Mechanics Lumber, L.R.	249.95	E.G. Levy
Lot 354, Horseshoe Bend Estates	Horseshoe Bend Lions Club	4,400	Merlin Stratton
$50 Gift Certificate for Ladies Clothing	Feinstein's, L.R.	50	E.G. Levy
#2000 AT&T Answering System	AT&T Information Systems, L.R.	89.95	Jim Greenwald
$100 U.S. Savings Bond	1st Jacksonville Bank, Jacksonville	75	Larry Geddard & Harold Carlisle
Epicurian Collection of Copper Cookware	Kaufman Lumber Co., L.R.	89.95	Joe DuPlantis
H.S. Village Vacation (3 days &	Cooper Communities, Inc., Hot Springs	125	Jerry Thorpe
2 nights for 4)	Village		
Cobra 40 Channel CB and Antenna	Jordan Oldsmobile/Buick, Hot Springs	125	Jerry Thorpe
Quartz Crystal Cluster	Coleman Rock Shop, Hot Springs	50	Jerry Thorpe
Parmount Electric Lawn & Garden	Charles Bette's — Bette's Construction	50	Jerry Thorpe
Trimmer			
10-Speed Men's Bicycle	Union Motor Co., Monticello	135	Roy Grizzell
30 sq. yards Burlington Carpet	Burlington Industries, Monticello	360	Roy Grizzell
York Stereo Unit	Wal-Mart, L.R.	78.67	Wes Smelley
Framed Warren Criswell Print	Cantrell Galleries, L.R.	100	Jim Davis
10 Quasar Video Cassette tapes (6 hr.)	DeWitt Lions	99.50	Charlie Hamilton
Permanent and Cut	Command Performance, L.R.	50	Kevin O'Donnell
$50 Gift Certificate	Cross Tire Co., L.R.	50	Kevin O'Donnell
$50 IRA	1st National Bank, Jacksonville	50	Harold Carlisle
Samsonite Attache Case	Balfour Printing, L.R.	55	Allen Henson
Bentley Portable TV	S. Hot Springs Lioness Club	90	Carolyn Enix
Black Hills Gold Ring	S. Hot Springs Lioness Club	65	Carolyn Enix
Airline Tickets (2) to	American Airlines, L.R.	824	Lila Lampkin
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico			
Ink Sketch of House	Eugene P. Levy, Architect	150	E.G. Levy
Gift Box, Reynolds Foil Products	Magnet Cove Lions	60	Leon Ashcraft
Pierre Cardin Robe	Howard Manufacturing Co., Nashville	70	Nashville Lions
Case (24) frozen Rock Cornish	Tysons of Nashville	55	Nashville Lions
Game Hens			
Beard-Poulon Weed Eater	Emerson Elect. Co. Nashville	200	Nashville Lions
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RCA 12" B.W. T.V.	Dickson TV & Appliance	99.95	Wes Smelley
Craftsman Elect. 3/8" Drill	Singer Corp., Clarksville	109.99	Clarksville Lions

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New Employees

Shelly Conklin, 33, joins the staff after receiving a master's degree recently from the University of Arkansas in counselor education. She is working as a counseling assistant in psycho-social services. Previous to coming to AEB, Shelly worked as a counselor to blind clients at the Independent Living Center in Little Rock. A College Prep graduate of AEB in 1969, Shelly has also worked for the Arkansas Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office. She did her master's degree internship at AEB. Shelly and her guide dog, Buster, live in Little Rock.

Glenda Black, 28, is also a recent master's degree graduate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a degree in rehabilitation teaching. She did her practicum work at AEB. Glenda joins the rehabilitation teaching staff at AEB, and she is currently teaching in the techniques of daily living skills area. Glenda, who is married and lives on a farm in Conway,

Conklin

previously worked as a social worker for Faulkner County

Black

Social Services. She and her husband have two children.

Alumni news

Bob Fuller (1967) recently received a 20-year award as a charter member of the Purchasing Managers Association of East Texas. Fuller, who has worked for 34 years at the Texas Eastman Company in Longview, just returned from a 15-day winter vacation trip with his wife, Frances, that took them from San Francisco down the western coast of Mexico through the Panama Canal.

Richard Bentley (1970) has spent the last five years operating the snack bar in the Carl Albert Indian Hospital at Ada, Oklahoma. He and his wife and their 10-year-old son live in Byng. Bentley, who says he hopes "to live his life as a witness to what the blind can do," is a member of the Ada Urban Renewal Board, The Oklahoma Council for the Blind, the board of Randolph Shepherd Vendors of Oklahoma, the Ada Kiwanis, Elks Lodge and First United Methodist Church.

Hollis Maupin (1984) is on the staff at the YMCA in Bristol, Virginia, at the Health Service Center. He will complete a 26-week course at the health center in scientific massage in April.

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Highland Lioness Club	$ 25.00
Crossett Lions	25.00
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Lloyd Walleen	35.00
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Lions elect new district governors

Arkansas Lions attending the Mid-Winter Conference in Hope elected four new district governors and re-elected a current district governor for a full term.

District Governor Jimmie Searcy of Horseshoe Bend succeeded the late Cecil Roche, district governor of 7-0. Searcy, who was serving as lieutenant governor for the district, will complete this year and then serve a full year's term.

Others elected were James Johnson of Prescott, 7-L, currently deputy district governor; Max Martin of Rogers, 7-0, currently lt. gov.; Carter Johnson of Fairfield Bay, 7-N, currently lt. gov.; and Harold Riggs of North Little Rock North Hills, 7-S, currently secretary-treasurer of his club.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected governors.

Jake Bolton by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hill
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Myrtle Burkett by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCutchen, Jr.
Harry Heyrman by Mrs. Fannie Westpfahl, Mr. and Mrs. Lester King
Robert L. Kumpe, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
Charlie E. Jones by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker, Jr.
Lloyd Ward by Mrs. Carlton Webb, Ed and Mary Hubbard
Virginia C. Puryear by Ed and Mary Hubbard
Rase Goodlett by Ed and Mary Hubbard

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Dormitory Renovation Project nearing goal

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Developing Issues

with Jim Davis
Director of Development

Editor's note — Jim Davis, AEB director of development and community relations for the past 12 years, has resigned from his position at AEB to accept a public relations job in the private sector in Little Rock. While his last day on the payroll was Jan. 15, he said he plans to stay actively involved in the center through his work with the Bryant Lions Club.

Looking Back . . .

Baseball pitcher Sachel Page once advised, "Don't look back, someone might be gaining on you."

Maybe so, but I'm going to look back over my more than 12 years at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. There are two basic categories — people and events — to review. After a dozen-plus years there are plenty of both.

People . . .

Starting with people, it would be an understatement to say I've made friends. I've made more than friends. Relationships have been formed that will last a lifetime. I hate to start naming names because I'll overlook some, but there is one I must mention.

That would be Roy Kumpe. He was more than a boss. He was a friend, a conscientious advisor on numerous occasions and subjects, a historian with a keen sense of recall, an inspiration, and one of the best public relations practitioners I've ever worked with. His death in September left a deep void in all our lives, but the memories of this special person shines through like the morning sun.

Among the staff, both past and present, are many who will always be close friends. Over the years AEB has experienced many good times and some difficult ones. Through it all the staff has remained a cohesive work force with one simple mission — meeting the needs of the blind and visually impaired. We were human enough to enjoy the good times and professional enough to endure the difficult ones.

There have been a number of people who are serving or have served on the board who have become close personal friends. One thing that has made AEB successful has been the commitment of its board members. Through the years they have risen to the occasion when called. Now, as much as ever, the wisdom, skill and expertise they possess will be needed as the development of AEB continues.

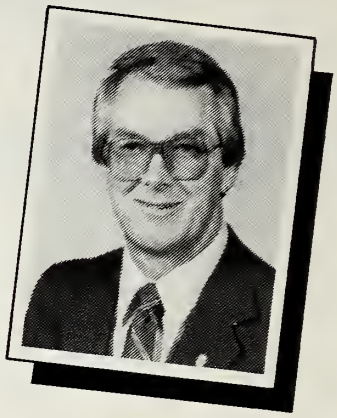
Finally there are the Lions. Very few places do I travel in Arkansas that I don't meet someone I know, usually from the Lions Club. The Lions have been a wonderful resource for AEB, but their work isn't complete. Since the Lions are the only service organization dedicated to help the blind, the Lions Sight Conservation programs and work for the blind is needed as never before.

Events . . .

Now for some memorable events. When I joined AEB the Million Dollar Expansion Campaign was underway. Eventually the Lions contributed more than $250,000 to go along with some other grants to build the Fowler Building.

AEB has always been involved with research. Two projects will always stand out because of the general public's interest. One was the introduction of the $50,000 Kurzweil Reading Machine, and the other was the Votrax speech synthesizer Elmo Knoch hooked up to a computer. I swear the computer area looked like a scene from a mad science movie with flashing lights and loose wires everywhere. My greatest fear was we would electrocute a member of the media.

At one time there were nine persons on our campus from nine different countries, making AEB a mini-United Nations. We have



profited from opening our campus to people from other countries.

Two outstanding speeches on rehabilitation for the blind stand out. One was the address then Governor David Pryor made at the groundbreaking for the Fowler Building. The other was the address given by then Lions International President Joseph McLaughlin of Connecticut at the dinner honoring Roy Kumpe on his retirement.

The election of Jim Fowler as an international officer and eventually President of Lions International, the numerous state, mid-winter and district conferences in Arkansas and other states and hundreds of club visits will always stand out in my mind.

I worked for three executive directors — Kumpe, Howard Hanson and Jim Cordell. Each had their own style and management philosophy, but each put the service AEB could be to the blind as their first concern.

A final appeal . . .

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind needs the support of the Arkansas Lions. The financial support generated by Lions for

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Lions Foundation approves grant

$15,250 still needed for dorm renovation project

Lions Club International Foundation has approved the $50,000 matching grant for AEB's dormitory renovation project, boosting the fund-raising for the $100,000 project to near completion.

Lions International 1st Vice President Austin Jennings was on hand at AEB for the public announcement of the project on Dec. 14, along with Walt Crumbie of Fort Smith, chairman of the Arkansas Lions Council of Governors.

Arkansas Lions, challenged by the AEB board of directors during the center's 40th anniversary year, have already pledged $35,750 of their $50,000 requested matching funds. AEB President Bud Wallace of Camden anticipates the Lions will raise the balance of the funds soon so that the renovation work can be completed.

AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell said the center is currently involved in plans for the various stages of the remodeling of the men's and women's dormitories. The first stage will be painting. Other work will include refurnishing each of the 48 dorm rooms and the lounge and laundry rooms with furniture and window coverings. Lighting, flooring and bathroom fixtures will be replaced.

"We want our residential facilities to be attractive and functional for our blind and multiply handicapped trainees," said Cordell. "This becomes their home away from home during their training, and we want them to be comfortable."

The 48 rooms can accommodate 96 persons, and the average training period for a trainee is about six months. Each year the center serves about 350 persons.

OVERSIZED CHECK — *Walt Cumbie of Fort Smith (left), Arkansas Lions Council of Governors chairman, receives an oversized check representing the $50,000 grant for the dormitory project from Lions Club International Foundation. Austin Jennings of Tennessee, incoming president of Lions International, was on hand to present the check at a news conference on Dec. 14 held in the women's dormitory at AEB.*

The following Lions Clubs, organizations and individuals have pledged or contributed to the project:

Arkansas Council of the Blind; Beebe Lioness Club; Benton Lions Club; Bentonville-Bella Vista Lions Club; Berryville Lions Club; Blytheville Noon Lions Club; Carlisle Lions Club; Cherokee Village Indians; Fayetteville Lions Club; Hot Springs Lions Club; Hot Springs Diamondhead Lions Club; Hot Springs Village Evening Lions Club; Hot Springs Village Lions Club; Lions International District 7-S; Little Rock Founders Lions Club; Malvern Lions Club; Metropolitan Lioness Club; Monticello Lions Club; North Little Rock Lions Club; Ola Lions Club; South Hot Springs Lions Club; Watson Chapel Lions Club;

Roy Grizzell; Jim Cordell, Lila Lampkin; Dennis Cummings; Juanita Hankins; Betty Dixon; Adren Duncan; Teresa Bailey; Roy Whitten.

Project support

If you want to be a supporter of the 40th Anniversary Dormitory Renovation Project, please use this coupon and send with a check to: AEB Renovation Project, P.O. Box 4055, Little Rock, AR 72214. You can choose to make your contribution in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one.

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One of the top priorities on Lila Lampkin's list of things to do after she retires is travel, so friends and well-wishers gave her a check for $500 to purchase luggage and travel needs. AEB Executive Director Jim Cordell presents her with the gift at a retirement party held in the AEB library on Dec. 16.

Lampkin ends loy

Lila Lampkin, whose 42-year tenure at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind is longer than any other employee, retired at the end of 1987 to "do some things I've always wanted to do."

AEB's administrative assistant since 1959, Lampkin has served under all three of the center's executive directors, Roy Kumpe, Howard Hanson and Jim Cordell. She came on staff in 1944 as a secretary when Founder Roy Kumpe and the state's vending stand program moved from the Welfare Department to Vocational Rehabilitation in the state Department of Education.

During a retirement reception for Lila in December, Executive Director Jim Cordell praised her serving AEB and blind people "efficiently, capably and loyally." These attributes, Cordell pointed out, were essential ingredients for any successes that the executive directors have had.

Explained Kumpe in his book, "The Lion's Share": "I sometimes wonder if the center would have turned out as it did without Lila's loyal and dedicated service."

A graduate of Draughon's Business College, Lampkin wore a variety of hats when she first joined AEB. Along with her role as secretary, she taught vending stand ope
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This fall marked a milestone for AEB employees Lila Lampkin, Billie Elder and Hardin Jones. AEB threw a party for Billie on Dec. 9 in honor of her 20 years of service and her retirement at the end of 1987. A short program with the theme, "This Is Your Life in Rehabilitation," chronicled her work in the field of blindness. Among the friends attending were (top left) John Gates, Edward G. Barry and Dick Seifert. Hardin Jones (left), who has been AEB's business manager for the past five years, was recognized at a staff party for his service to AEB. Ramona Sangalli, director of vocational services, made a gift presentation to him. Hardin retired Nov. 15.

Alumni return to AEB

Talk about their jobs with IRS

There's nothing like hearing from someone who has "been there" and that's just what AEB's graduating Office Automation Specialist students got to do in December.

Two graduates from the first OAS class who are now working for the IRS, Kevin Dee and Louis Alamond, returned to AEB Dec. 18 to talk to the graduating class about what to expect once they are on the job. They also fielded questions from students in another OAS class, prospective OAS students and AEB staff.

Dee, a programmer at the Atlanta regional IRS office, told the group that there are many jobs available in Office Automation at the IRS because the position is relatively new.

"They don't have a lot of guidelines to look back on," she said. "Things are changing very quickly. Equipment changes, your software changes. It's just wide open."

Alamond, a programmer in the Cincinnati district office, described the opportunities for advancement within the IRS as excellent for a blind person: "Basically, it all depends on what you're willing to do. You can go to the job and just get a paycheck, or you can work hard and have an opportunity to move up."

Louis, who has partial vision, said he is treated no differently from other workers in the department. "Most of the people that I work for do not know that I'm visually impaired," he explained. "Sometimes I need to remind them."

His boss who is orthopedically handicapped, told him: "You're visually impaired. You have all the equipment that you really need. So I don't look upon you as a handicapped person."

Asked what the most satisfying part of his job is, Alamond quickly responded "The paycheck!" adding, "It's good to be able to earn your own way and be expected to do as much as everyone else does and work alongside other people who are sighted."

Graduates Kevin Dee (left) and Louis Alamond talk to current and prospective AEB students about what they can expect on the job at the IRS.

Dee said her satisfaction comes from "someone asking my opinion about something."

Both pointed out that the Office Automation position differs from district to district. The dress code in Alamond's office is shirt and tie, while Dee can get by with more casual attire. Some of the employees do more analyst work, while others do more programming. Kevin's work is about 50 percent trouble-shooting and 50 percent programming. Louis' work is about 90 percent programming, 10 percent coordinating.

They said the classmates of AEB's first OAS class and some from the second class have organized a network across the country enabling them to keep in touch with each other and to share information.

AEB and the IRS began working on the course structure for the OAS training program in 1985, and on Nov. 7, 1986, graduating six students from the first class.

New computer bulletin board

AEB's data processing staff has designed a computer bulletin board for use by blind and visually impaired operators across the country.

The program is on an IBM XT computer with a modem allowing operators to receive information and communicate with other operators across the country. There are no charges for the service, except for the price of the telephone call. The telephone number is 501/666-7130.

The menu includes a message board allowing persons to communicate with others who use the same board in private or with others in general. Vendors are encouraged to leave messages about their equipment, and they can contribute information about their products in the Computer Products category. Public domain programs will be available for uploading or downloading.

The menu also includes information about AEB's services, including a course structure describing AEB's Office Automation Specialist course which trains students to work as programmer/analysts for the Internal Revenue Service and AEB's general Computer Programmer course.

"We've been working on this bulletin board service for some time, and we have about 90 percent of the bugs worked out," explains Data Processing Manager Wayne Gum.

He is pleased with the activity so far, and the number of phone calls thus far have indicated that the service should be successful.

Memorials

(Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind received the following memorial and special occasion gifts between Oct. 9 and Dec. 21. Gifts after Dec. 21 will appear in the next issue.)

Roy Kumpe by Dardanelle First Methodist Church Senior Adult

DEVELOPING ISSUES

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AEB has been faltering. Last year it was down significantly and this year's pace, through December, is down approximately $15,000 from the previous year's level of giving — a sign for deep concern among the Lions.

There are other ways of supporting AEB than through your club. The quickest, simplest is personal giving. If every Arkansas Lion would give $25 annually, it would mean more than $150,000 to AEB's operating budget.

Another way is through your company. Many corporations have giving programs with disbursement by employee commitments.

My thanks to everyone who has helped make the past 12-plus years satisfying ones for me.

Board member dies

Art Barden, 73, of Boyce, La., a member of AEB's board of directors since 1985, died Dec. 13. Lion Art was a past district governor of Louisiana 8-I and active in numerous Louisiana Lions' projects.

He was serving as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and had previously chaired the Service and Training Committee. Lion Art will be remembered for his service to AEB and his faithfulness to make the 10-hour, almost 600-mile round trip monthly to attend board meetings.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth, his children and grandchildren.

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